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of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.

for the
Year Ending December 31, 1974

Also

Officers of School District

Year Ending June 30, 1974

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Town Officers

Population in June 1974 – 7,009

Moderator

M. A. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen

Frank E. Whaland, Chairman, 1976

Edward C. Masten, 1975

Francis M. Perry, 1977

Barbara H. Landry, Secretary

Town Clerk

Bernice G. Boothroyd

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Treasurer

Marion M. Sortevik

Town Counsel

William R. Drescher

Health Officer

Dr. James C. Starke

Welfare Officer

Edward C. Masten

Zoning Administrator

Robert J. Barton
Thomas J. Ring – Resigned

Road Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Custodian of Town Buildings

Ernest E. Law

Police Chief

James F. Tinker

Fire Chief

Marshall D. Strickland

Fire Wards

Marshall D. Strickland

David Herlihy

Richard G. Crocker

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

Stephen Noble

Supervisors of the Checklists

Audrey Spalding, '80 Robert Wishart, '78 Rosemary Biddle, '76

Rescue Squad and Civil Preparedness

Roy E. Maston, Director

Harding C. Sortevik, Deputy Director

Trustees of Trust Funds

David T. Ramsay, 1977 Edward A. Conti, 1976
Harry R. Mitiguy, Resigned

Cemetery Trustees

David T. Ramsay Edward Marchildon Edward C. Masten

Library Trustees

E. Daniel Johnson, 1975 Ann Keefe, 1975
John Manning, 1976 Elizabeth Lyle, 1976
Lucy Ramsay, 1977 Margaret Gray, 1977

Planning Board

Robert Jackson, Chairman, 1978
Chester McGrath, 1975 E. Gordon Pullar, 1977
Robert Crouter, Secretary, 1976 Robert Bacon, 1979
Charles Hood, 1976 Ex-Officio — Edward Masten

Board of Adjustment

Russell Steeves, Chairman, 1975
Thomas Carson, 1976 Beverly Eger, 1979
Arnold Dickinson, Secretary, 1977 Roger Brown, 1978

Road Commissioners

A. David Johnson, 1977 Meric Arnold, 1975 Everett Leach, 1976

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Elizabeth Searles, 1977 Aaron Enoch, 1975

Conservation Commission

Alice E. Arnold, 1976 Roland K. Fraser, 1976
Raymond Morin, 1977 Wallace Warren, 1977
Charles Bacon, 1975 John Monson, 1975

Historic District Commission

Charles Hood, 1975 George Brown, 1976
Barbara Berlack, 1975 Rosamond Buchanan, 1977
Beverly Eger, Resigned Ex-Officio, Francis M. Perry

Recreation Commission

Peter George, Chairman, 1975
Suzanne Blakeman, 1975 Clark Stewart, 1977
Barbara S. Hall, 1976 Ann Hopkins, Resigned
Bruce Fraser, 1977

Tree Committee

Eugene I. Roe, '75 Norman J. Marsh, '77 Margaret Drobat, '76

Independence Day Committee

Amherst Jay Cees Orson Bragdon Amherst Lions Club
Raymond Morin Ann Bergin Richard Castle
Joseph Ryan

Memorial Day Committee

Paul Dudley, Resigned Frederick Simmons, Chairman
Helen Dreyfus William Hopkins
Peter Bergin Kathleen Magill

Regional Dump Study Committee

Dissolved December 1, 1974

Thornton Jesdale, Chr. William L. Hendrix John Bachman

Regional Soil Waste Disposal Committee

Thornton Jesdale Samuel Gilmore

Ways and Means Committee

W. Allan Huebner, Chairman

Donald Eger Thomas Grella
Dorothy Carlsmith Ann Snow
Thomas Casey John Freeman

Representatives to the General Court

Orson Bragdon Kenneth Spalding Josephine Martin

Member of the State Senate

Alan Rock

Town Government Study Committee

Dana Powers, Chairman

J. Merrill Hines Alfred Simensen
Elizabeth Searle Marceline Moulton

Amherst Bicentennial Committee

Joseph Ryan, Chairman Mary Steeves, Secretary

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Articles 1-12 will be at polls.

Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting
held at 8:00 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Wilkins School in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst:

Amendment A: (by petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 2 Article VIII dealing with miscellaneous provisions:

Enclosure of Swimming Pools:

Every outdoor swimming pool or family pool capable of containing water to a depth of 18 inches or more shall be so constructed that the entirety of the same is 4 feet or more in height with a movable ladder or stair, or shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than 4 feet in height, which shall be so constructed as not to have openings, holes or gaps larger than 4 inches in any dimension except for doors and gates. If a picket fence is erected or maintained, the horizontal dimension shall not exceed 4 inches. A dwelling house or accessory building may be used as part of such enclosure.

All gates, doors, ladders or stairs providing access to such pool

shall be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching or similar device to prevent access at all times when not in actual use.

This section shall be applicable to all new swimming pools, or family pools hereafter constructed other than indoor pools, and shall apply to all existing pools which have a minimum depth or capacity of 18 inches of water. No person in possession of land within the town, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or licensee upon which is situated a swimming pool or family pool having a depth of 18 inches or more shall fail to provide and maintain such fence, wall or barrier as herein provided after July 1, 1975.

Ballot Question will read:

A. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment A as proposed by petition of the voters of this Town to require that all swimming pools or family pools be enclosed by a fence or wall?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment B: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, to change the areas designated on Property Map No. 6 as Lots 57-1 and 57-2 from "RURAL" to "COMMERCIAL" District as defined in said Zoning Ordinance.

Ballot Question will read:

B. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment B as proposed by petition of the voters of this Town to change the area between Limbo Lane and Route 101 Bypass from Rural to Commercial?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment C: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5-6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst by the addition of subparagraph "I" to read as follows:

I. Multi-unit residential dwellings for use by persons who have reached, or who reside with a spouse who has reached, the age of fifty-five (55) years; subject to the following conditions and standards:

a. Each dwelling may be a single structure or a cluster of connected structures containing not less than two nor more than twelve dwelling units.

b. Tract density shall be a minimum of one-half acre for each dwelling unit, and the entire tract of land on which such a development is situated shall contain not less than fifteen (15) acres.

c. The height of any structure shall not be greater than two and one-half stories above the lowest exterior grade.

Ballot Question will read:

C. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment C as proposed by petition of the voters of this Town to allow multi-unit residential dwellings for persons over 55 years to be made a permitted use by special exception in the Rural District?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment D:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendment
Earth Material Removal

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3, Section 8, Earth Material Removal, by deleting the existing section and replacing it with a new section as follows:

Section 3-8 Earth Material Removal

A. **AUTHORITY** — Clay, sod, loam, sand, gravel, minerals and similar earth materials may be removed for either private use or for sale from any lot or parcel of land in any zoning district, except the Historic, Lakeside and Wetlands Conservation Districts, only after a special permit for such operation has been issued by the Zoning Administrator, in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

B. **APPLICATION** — No Earth Material Removal permit shall be issued unless application is made in writing on the forms provided for this purpose by the town and accompanied by the payment of a fee in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may determine from time to time. The application form shall be accompanied by a plan which describes the proposed Earth Material Removal operation.

C. **PROCEDURE** — Prior to the approval or denial of an Earth Material Removal permit application, the Selectmen or their agent, shall hold a public hearing. The applicant and all abutters within five hundred (500) feet of the parcel or parcels proposed to have earth material removed, shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing, not less than five (5) days prior to the date affixed for said hearing.

In order to ensure the applicant's performance in adherence with these regulations, the applicant shall post a bond with the

Town of Amherst, in such amount as the Board of Selectmen may determine from time to time. Such bond shall be not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per acre and shall be posted prior to the issuance of said permit.

During the period of the permit, the Zoning Administrator shall conduct on-site inspections of the earth material removal operation not less often than quarterly to assure compliance with the operation plan. Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the permit, the Zoning Administrator shall conduct a compliance review. This review shall indicate what action is necessary by the operator to:

- 1) Close out the operation within the permit period in conformance with the plan, or

- 2) Be eligible to apply for a renewal of the Earth Material Removal permit.

If the operator requests a renewal of his permit, the new application together with an amended operation plan, shall be submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the current permit.

If, at the expiration of the permit, the operator has failed to carry out the reclamation of the site as required by this ordinance in conformance with the operation plan and the permit, the bond posted by the operator shall be forfeited and the proceeds used to carry out the reclamation of the site. If the reclamation is performed in accordance with the operation plan, the bond shall be returned to the operator upon establishment of the cover crop for two (2) full growing seasons or earlier upon certification of the Hillsborough County Conservation District.

D. STANDARDS — All work executed under an Earth Material Removal permit shall conform to the following standards:

- 1) No excavation shall occur within fifty (50) feet of any property line, road right-of-way or zoning district boundary in which district earth material removal is not permitted and the natural vegetation shall be retained in this buffer area.

- 2) All finished grades shall in no case be steeper than 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) slope.

- 3) No land shall be excavated below the seasonal high water table except as part of a plan to develop water conservation of recreational uses. This plan must be submitted at the time of application together with a written review of the plan conducted by the Hillsborough County Conservation District.

- 4) The excavation shall proceed in a manner which will not allow it to hold standing surface water in excess of two (2) inches

in depth except as approved as part of a surface water absorption system designed to minimize surface water runoff.

5) Upon completion of all excavation, the entire site shall be re-spread with loam to a depth of four (4) inches or the average depth of loam prior to the commencement of excavation, whichever is less. Loam sufficient to meet this requirement shall be stock-piled on the excavation site.

6) Unless a special waiver is granted at the time the permit is issued, the land area disturbed by the operation and in an unrestored condition shall not exceed a total of five (5) acres at any one time.

7) When the removal of materials is completed, the finished grades, as specified in the approved plan shall have a permanent cover crop established, except when ledge rock is exposed, to assure adequate drainage and prevent erosion.

8) All excavating, handling, processing, and storage facilities shall be removed, the land cleared of all stumps, logs, brush, and rocks, the final grades indicated in the plan established, and the site reclaimed prior to the expiration of the Earth Material Removal permit unless application has been made and approval granted for the renewal of the permit.

9) All earth material removal operations shall be maintained in a safe condition at all times. No overhanging banking, potential earth slides, or any other unsafe condition shall be permitted at any time.

E. EXCEPTIONS — The removal of loam, sand, gravel and other similar earth materials from a site for the following activities conducted on such site, shall not require an Earth Material Removal permit:

- 1) The construction of buildings.
- 2) The construction of swimming pools.
- 3) The construction of streets and driveways.
- 4) Any excavation involving the removal of less than one hundred (100) cubic yards of earth material.

F. CONTINUATION OF EXISTING EARTH MATERIALS REMOVAL OPERATIONS — All existing earth material removal operations shall be granted a six (6) month grace period from the date of passage of this ordinance.

1) The continued operation of any earth material removal site after the expiration of that period shall require that an Earth Material Removal permit be issued following the procedure outlined in Section B and Section C.

2) Any inactive earth material removal site which contains any unsafe conditions or serious erosion conditions shall have such conditions corrected prior to the expiration of said grace period.

Amendment D Ballot Question will read:

D. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment D as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to provide for more complete regulation of Earth Material Removal?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment E:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendments

Time Limits on Special Exceptions and Variances

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph E, by adding a new subsection 4 which shall read as follows:

4. Time limits of Special Exceptions and Variances

If, after a permit has been authorized by the Board of Adjustment as a result of a request for a Special Exception or Variance, such permit has not been applied for within ninety (90) days from the date of authorization, then such authorization shall become null and void, and no permit shall be issued thereunder.

Ballot Question will read:

E. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment E as proposed by the Planning Board to require that a special exception or a variance, granted by the Board of Adjustment, must be used within 90 days?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment F:

Proposed 1975 Warrant Article

Enabling Planning Board to Adopt Regulations

Pertaining to Non-Residential Site Plans

To see if the Town will vote to empower the Planning Board to review site plans for non-residential development under N.H.R.S.A. 36:19-a as follows:

36:19-a FURTHER POWER OF PLANNING BOARDS. A municipality, having adopted a zoning ordinance as provided in RSA 31:60-89, and where the planning board has adopted sub-division regulations as provided in sections 19-24 hereof, may further empower the planning board to review, and approve or disapprove site plans for the development of tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.

For the purpose of this provision, the term "non-residential uses" shall mean as follows:

All buildings, structures, and other land uses other than one

and two family residences, be they private, public, semi-public, or institutional in nature. Such uses shall include but not be limited to the following: Commerce; business; industry; and apartments and multi-family residences of more than two dwelling units.

Ballot Question will read:

F. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment F as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to empower the Planning Board to review site plans for non-residential developments?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment G:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendments
Relating to Specifications in
Commercial and Industrial Districts

To see if the Town will vote to delete the following section from the existing ordinance:

Article IV:

Section 4-7 B ALL

Section 4-7 C ALL

Section 4-8 D ALL

and substitute therefor the following:

Section 4-7:

B — AREA AND FRONTAGE REQUIREMENTS

(1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be one (1) acre.

(2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless the use contemplated is residential in which event the minimum frontage may be 35 feet of frontage on a public road provided the principal route of access to the lot is a Class "A" or Class "B" private way.

C — YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

(1) Each structure shall be set back at least 50 feet from the front lot line and 30 feet from side and rear lot lines or 50 feet from lot lines constituting streets where the lot is a corner lot.

(2) Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscape buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.

(3) No building shall be constructed to a height greater than 2½ stories or 35 feet (whichever is greater).

(4) The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of 0.4 for one story buildings and 0.7 for two story buildings.

(5) A minimum of 30% of the area of any lot shall remain open space and not be utilized for construction.

(6) There shall be no more than one access to any lot and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

(7) There shall be no outside storage of materials or equipment between the front of any buildings and the street. All storage and/or equipment, parking areas shall be fenced, screened, landscaped, or otherwise protected from view.

Section 4-8:

D — YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

(1) Each structure shall be set back at least 50 feet from the front lot line and 30 feet from side and rear lot lines or 50 feet from lot lines constituting streets where the lot is a corner lot.

(2) Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscaped buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.

(3) No building shall be constructed to a height greater than 2½ stories or 35 feet (whichever is greater).

(4) The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of 0.4 for one story buildings and 0.7 for two story buildings.

(5) A minimum of 30% of the area of any lot shall remain open space and not be utilized for construction.

(6) There shall be no more than one access to any lot and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

(7) There shall be no outside storage of materials or equipment between the front of any buildings and the street. All storage and/or equipment parking areas shall be fenced, screened, landscaped, or otherwise protected from view.

Amend Article IX — Section 9-1 by adding the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical sequence:

FLOOR AREA RATIO:

The ratio of gross floor area to the total lot area.

GROSS FLOOR AREA:

The sum of the horizontal area of the several floors of a building and its accessory buildings on the same lot, measured from the exterior faces of the walls, and not including cellars, attics, porches, etc. not used as part of the principal use.

Ballot Question will read:

G. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment G as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to provide more regulation of Commercial and Industrial Districts?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment H:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendment
Wetlands

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetland Conservation District, by adding certain areas not previously designated so that the first paragraph of Article IV, Section 4-10, Sub-section A, will read as follows:

A. GENERAL

The Wetland Conservation District is hereby determined to be those areas identified or delineated as poorly drained or very poorly drained soils or as bodies of water by the National Cooperative Soil Survey through field mapping surveys completed in 1970 and shown on its field mapping photographic sheets for the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire. The Wetland Conservation District as herein defined is shown on a map designated as:

“U.S. Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
Town of Amherst, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire
Soil Survey, November 1970
Amherst Wetlands Conservation District Map
Adopted March 1973
Amended March 1975”

and is a part of the “Zoning Map” of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire.

Ballot Question will read:

H. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment H as proposed by the Planning Board to add certain areas to the Wetlands Map?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment I:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendment
Pertaining to Home Occupations

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Home Occupations as a permitted use as follows:

(1) Delete the following sections from Article IV to remove a home occupation as a permitted use in the Residence, Transition, Lakeside and Rural districts:

Article IV — Section 4-3 (A) — 2
Section 4-4 (A) — 2
Section 4-5 (A) — 2
Section 4-6 (A) — 3

(2) Add home occupation as a use permitted by special exception to the Residence, Lakeside, Rural and Transition Districts so that the applicable sections read as follows:

Article V:

Section 5-4 "G. Home Occupation"

Section 5-5 "E. Home Occupation"

Section 5-6 "I. Home Occupation"

Section 5-7 "D. Home Occupation"

(3) Amend Article VI — Section 6-3, Subsection E (1) (b.) to add sub-section (5) to provide additional notice to abutter as follows:

Article VI, Section 6-3 (E) (1) (b.)

"(5): Give notice in writing to abutters of the tract in question when the application for a special exception is made for permission to conduct a **home occupation** as a permitted use by special exception."

(4) Amend Article V — Section 5-3 by adding the following language to the existing text contained therein:

". . . in the case of a permit issued in accordance with this Article for a home occupation as a use permitted by special exception such permit shall be personal to the applicant and not run with the land or in any way be transferable."

Ballot Question will read:

I. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment I as proposed by the Planning Board to allow a home occupation as a use permitted only by special exception in the Residence, Lakeside, Rural and Transition Districts?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amendment J:

1975 Proposed Zoning Amendments

Private Ways

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the use of private ways as a permitted form of access to subdivided parcels of land by amending the Ordinance as follows:

(1) Delete the present definition of **PRINCIPAL ROUTE OF ACCESS** contained in Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance and substitute therefore the following:

PRINCIPAL ROUTE OF ACCESS — A principal route of access within the meaning of this ordinance shall be deemed to consist of

any public way which the Town has a duty to maintain or any private way within the meaning of this ordinance.

(2) Add the following definition to Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance:

PRIVATE WAY

CLASS A — a street, driveway or highway which the Town has no duty to maintain which provides access to no more than one building lot but not including any Class VI highway as defined by N.H.R.S.A.

CLASS B — a street, driveway or highway which the Town has no duty to maintain which provides access to no more than two building lots but not including any Class VI highway as defined by N.H.R.S.A.

(3) Amend Article III, Section 3-9 of the Zoning Ordinance and read as follows:

Section 3-9

(a) Any sub-division approved subsequent to March 10, 1970, which requires road system layout and construction, other than those containing private ways, must have the road system deeded to the Town and accepted by the Selectmen, prior to the issuance of any Building Permit for any structure whose frontage would include any part of such proposed road system.

NOTE: See Appendix 3 — Town of Amherst Road Specifications 1971

(b) No building permit shall be issued for any structure or any lot within any subdivision approved subsequent to March 4, 1975 which includes any streets, driveways or highways which constitute a private way within the meaning of this ordinance unless such private ways shall have been constructed in a fashion consistent with the requirements of the Town of Amherst subdivision regulations as adopted from time to time by the Town of Amherst Planning Board dealing with construction requirements and specifications for private ways.

(NOTE — See Town of Amherst Subdivision Regulations, Section 4.17a.)

(4) Amend the Town of Amherst Road Specifications so that Paragraph 6 reads as follows:

6. These Specifications shall take effect on March 9, 1971 and shall apply to all roads within the Town of Amherst, including Town Roads, whether in approved sub-divisions or not, work on which has not progressed beyond the stage of clearing the right of way, together with all sub-divisions approved after this date, except private

ways which are regulated by the subdivision regulations as adopted from time to time by the Planning Board of the Town of Amherst.

(5) Amend the frontage requirements in Article IV as established in certain districts as follows:

(a) Section 4-3 (B) (2) to read as follows:

(2.) "Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless said principal route of access is a Class A or Class B private way within the meaning of this ordinance in which event 35 feet of frontage on a public road shall be sufficient for the lot or lots."

(b) Section 4-4 (B) (2) to read as follows:

"Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 100 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless said principal route of access is a Class A or Class B private way within the meaning of this ordinance in which event 35 feet of frontage on a public road shall be sufficient and in the case of lake front property, lake frontage shall be at least 100 feet, this distance being measured in a straight line between the two points formed by the intersection of the side lot lines and the shoreline."

(c) Section 4-5 (B) (2) to read as follows:

(2) "Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless said principal route of access is a Class A or Class B private way within the meaning of this ordinance in which event 35 feet of frontage on a public road shall be sufficient."

(d) Section 4-6 (B) (2) to read as follows:

(2) "Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless said principal route of access is a Class A or Class B private way within the meaning of this ordinance in which event 35 feet of frontage on a public road shall be sufficient."

(e) Section 4-7 (B) (2) to read as follows:

"Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot unless the use contemplated is residential in which event the minimum frontage may be 35 feet of frontage on a public road provided the principal route of access to the lot is a Class "A" or Class "B" private way.

Ballot Question will read:

J. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment J as proposed by the Planning Board to provide more regulation of private ways?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3. (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to pass the following Ordinance:

DOG ORDINANCE

1.

a. Definition of Terms: As used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates.

1. "DOG" shall be intended to mean both male and female.

2. "OWNER" shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

b. Running at Large prohibited: It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to run at large. "AT LARGE" shall be intended to mean OFF the premises of the owner or keeper, and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person.

c. Penalties: Any owner found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$10.00 for such offense and shall be fined up to \$25.00 for each such offense thereafter, or take action relative thereto.

2.

a. Appointment of Dog Officer and Assistants:

The Board of Selectmen may appoint, at such times and for such terms as they deem necessary, a Dog Officer with such Assistants as may be required, whose duty it shall be to take dogs into custody and impound and thereafter to provide for a humane and proper disposal.

b. Method of Confinement:

The Board of Selectmen with assistance and cooperation of the Dog Officer when deemed necessary shall seek and provide a suitable place of confinement for impounded animals, or take action relative thereto.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4. (by petition)

To see if the Town will approve the creation of a continuing standing Government Study Committee to be appointed by the Town Moderator and to consist of 5 members. The charge of said Committee will be to perform a continual study of the Town government, using past data and resource material and any new information which may become pertinent. Their study will include all aspects of town government, making appropriate recommendations as deemed necessary to the Annual Town Meeting.

Initial appointment will be as follows: One person to serve for one year, two persons to serve for two years, and two persons to serve for three years, after which the appointed term will be for three years.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5. (by petition)

To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following question:

"Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members?"

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 6. (by petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to make the term of office of the Tax Collector three years beginning with the election to be held in March 1976.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 7. (by petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to make the term of office of the Town Clerk three years beginning with the election to be held in March 1976.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of R.S.A. 55:9a and R.S.A. 55:9b to empower the Town Clerk with all the powers and duties of City Clerks, so that any person who is a legal resident of the Town of Amherst whose name does not appear on the check list may apply to the Town Clerk for the purpose of having his name added thereto.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 9.

Shall we adopt the provisions of Chapter 37 RSA and select a Town Manager form of Government effective in 1976?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 10.

Shall we adopt the provision of the Municipal Budget Law as set forth in RSA 32 to be effective in 1977, and, if so, to elect a Budget Committee at the 1976 Annual Town Meeting with a minimum of six (6) members at large in accordance with Section 32:2 of the NHRSA?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under RSA 76:15b to be effective in 1976?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to abolish the office of Highway Agent as an elective office and allow the Selectmen to appoint the Highway Agent to operate under their direction, or act in relation thereto.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 13.

To raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds which were allocated in 1973 per Article No. 4 "Sanitary Land Fill" and unexpended as of 12-31-74 in the amount of \$5,356.39 as follows:

- a. \$4,712.95 to apply towards land purchase of Sanitary Land Fill property.
- b. \$643.44 to be transferred to Total Available Revenue Sharing Funds for allocation in 1975.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set offs against the appropriations for 1975 in the amounts indicated in Articles numbered 17, 18 and 19.

Estimated Receipts of FRS Funds 1975	\$24,264.00
Accumulated interest on invested Revenue Sharing Funds for 1974	851.98
Transfer from unexpended Balance of Article No. 4 of 1973	643.44
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	\$25,759.42

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to purchase a Wood-chipper and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four thousand two hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty-two cents (\$4,259.42) to purchase a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for the purpose from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,437.00 to purchase and equip an ambulance and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$15,500, fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provision of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by taxation or take action relative thereto.

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken on Article 16 at the 1974 Town Meeting and re-appropriate the sum of \$37,000 of which \$6,000 shall be withdrawn from the Southern District Fire Fund Reserve, the balance to be raised by taxes to purchase the Fire Truck to be delivered and paid for in fiscal 1975 or take action relative thereto.

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be expended by the Amherst Bicentennial Committee in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in 1975 and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in 1976 in furtherance of a program to commemorate the Bicentennial Celebration or take action relative thereto.

Article 22. (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$13,500) Dollars for the reconstruction of two public tennis courts and to resurface and generally repair the existing court located on Davis Lane, and take action relative thereto.

Article 23. (by petition)

In the event the foregoing Article shall fail to pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the fund of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$13,500) Dollars for the reconstruction of two public tennis courts and to resurface and generally repair the existing court located on Davis Lane, and to take the necessary steps to apply for and receive Federal Funds for the reimbursement of one-half of the funds so raised and appropriated, or take action relative thereto.

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, that there continues to exist within the state a serious shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations at rents which elderly and low income persons can afford, and that such persons are forced to occupy sub-standard dwelling accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the General Court of the State of New Hampshire has enacted Chapter 204-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated establishing the New Hampshire Housing Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 9 of that Act provides that in a

municipality where there is no local housing authority operating, the Commission shall not operate without the consent of the governing body of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, said Section 9 provides that consent of the governing body must be given for each project; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to enter into annual contributions, contracts with public housing agencies pursuant to which such agencies may enter into contracts to make assistance payments to owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Meeting of Amherst as follows:

That the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in Amherst.

That said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project, under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for any of the following dwelling accommodations or a combination thereof: (a) existing standard housing; (b) rehabilitated housing; (c) newly constructed housing; the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 20 dwelling units.

Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into negotiation to purchase a fire truck and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 to be withdrawn from Fire Truck Reserve Funds or take action relative thereto.

Given under our hand and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

EDWARD C. MASTEN

FRANCIS N. PERRY

Selectmen of Amherst

A True Copy of the Warrant — Attest:

EDWARD C. MASTEN

FRANCIS N. PERRY

Selectmen of Amherst

BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1975
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$10,950.00	\$10,950.00	\$10,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses	27,395.00	26,527.58	29,200.00
Election & Registration Expenses	3,500.00	2,166.91	2,000.00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	13,045.00	20,737.88	12,130.00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	10,375.00	11,357.22	12,600.00
Contingency Fund	2,500.00		5,000.00
Mapping & Conservation	3,000.00	2,539.57	3,070.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	88,855.00	99,616.07	97,141.00
Fire Department	29,650.00	21,037.70	37,431.00
Care of Trees	3,500.00	3,648.30	3,350.00
Insurance	17,190.00	21,327.50	26,000.00
Planning & Zoning	17,980.00	16,889.83	18,080.00
Damages & Legal Expense	5,000.00	4,015.93	5,720.00
Civil Defense	4,097.00	4,829.58	5,380.00
Health Department			
Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance	17,259.00	16,761.36	4,106.00
Vital Statistics	150.00	78.50	150.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	9,000.00	9,488.09	9,800.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maint. — Summer & Winter	184,686.75	182,067.26	207,834.66
Street Lighting	3,600.00	3,530.11	4,645.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	19,675.00	25,210.69	21,575.00
Town Road Aid	2,018.38	2,018.38	2,010.00
Libraries	25,110.00	25,344.00	31,296.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	10,000.00	6,756.48	10,000.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	1,871.59	2,500.00
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	500.00		500.00
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	1,491.26	1,500.00
Recreation	17,055.00	22,253.74	17,875.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	7,200.00	8,896.86	10,100.00
Debt Service:			
Principal and Long Term Notes & Bonds	16,250.00	16,250.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	15,000.00	15,629.38	24,300.00
Capital Outlay:			
Grader Fund			3,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds		15,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$568,141.13	\$598,291.77	\$619,243.66

BUDGET

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1975
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$58,500.00	\$75,924.02	\$70,000.00
Railroad Tax		6.92	
Savings Bank Tax	5,500.00	7,725.08	7,200.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	33,000.00	40,249.61	33,000.00
Highway Subsidy	34,686.75	34,686.75	35,534.66
Reim. a-c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	1,786.00	1,786.00	1,875.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	2,750.00	2,548.40	2,600.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	50.00	71.00	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	90,000.00	101,807.73	90,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	10,250.00	14,601.15	14,500.00
Income from Trust Funds		5,744.63	5,100.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal and District Court	300.00	285.00	275.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	325.00	168.60	150.00
Resident Taxes Retained	36,000.00	33,230.00	33,200.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	800.00	1,777.96	750.00
Rent of Town Property	1,500.00	1,856.50	1,500.00
Income from Departments	28,476.00	33,295.30	17,515.00
Road Tolls Refund		2,643.49	2,500.00
Surplus	45,000.00		
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	14,000.00	19,871.00	18,198.00
Interest on Revenue Sharing		851.98	
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$362,923.75	\$378,531.12	\$334,047.66
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	200,317.38	189,610.01	285,196.00
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$563,241.13	\$568,141.13	\$619,243.66

Summary Inventory of Valuation

	1974	1973
Land		\$ 8,636,120
Buildings	\$30,497,350	34,200,830
Factory Buildings	61,023,640	352,160
Public Water Utility	491,070	81,730
Public Utility — Gas	110,300	51,610
Public Utility — Electric		972,910
CATV	1,372,199	
House Trailers	(57)	144,620
Boats	(49)	15,390
Total Valuation Before Exemption	93,687,567	44,455,370
Elderly Exemptions	(31)	133,710
Blind Exemption	(1)	
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$93,540,067	\$44,321,660

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1974

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or — Income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated 1975
General Government	\$10,950.00	\$	\$10,950.00	\$10,950.00	\$	\$	\$ 10,950.00
Town officers' salaries	27,395.00	413.35	27,808.35	27,863.24	54.89		29,200.00
Town office expense	3,500.00	71.00	3,571.00	2,166.91		1,404.09	2,000.00
Election & registration	7,800.00	381.50	8,181.50	7,412.99		768.51	5,500.00
Town Hall	5,245.00	—25.00	5,220.00	5,824.89	604.89		6,630.00
Brick School	10,375.00		10,375.00	11,257.22	982.22		12,600.00
SS & retirement	2,500.00	—2,500.00°	0.00	(See transfers to other accounts)			5,000.00
Contingency	2,000.00	250.00	2,250.00	1,608.25		641.75	2,000.00
Mapping							
Protection of Persons & Property							
Police	78,293.00	11,184.04	89,477.04	89,149.57		327.47	87,641.00
Fire department	27,775.00	494.61°	28,269.61	30,037.70	1,768.09		35,556.00
Communication	10,562.00		10,562.00	10,466.50		95.50	9,500.00
Hydrant rental	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00			1,875.00
Civil defense	4,097.00	246.99*	4,343.99	4,829.58	485.59		5,380.00
Insurance	17,190.00	500.00°	17,690.00	21,327.50	3,637.50		26,000.00
Legal	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,398.50		1,101.50	3,500.00
Dog control	1,500.00	1,048.00	2,548.00	1,617.43		930.57	2,220.00
Tree care	3,500.00	306.00	3,806.00	3,648.30		157.70	3,350.00
Conservation	1,000.00		1,000.00	931.36		68.64	1,070.00

Planning & Zoning

Planning Board	4,000.00	—810.00	3,190.00	1,159.45	2,030.55	3,090.00
Nashua regional planning	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,151.00	49.00	1,200.00
Zoning administrator	12,180.00	—746.10	11,433.90	10,839.18	594.72	13,090.00
Board of adjustment	600.00		600.00	345.60	254.40	700.00
Health						
Board of Health	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00
Ambulance	14,259.00		14,259.00	13,761.36	497.64	1,106.00
Souhegan Nursing	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Nashua mental health	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Vital statistics	150.00		150.00	78.50	71.50	150.00
Highway						
Dump	9,000.00	60.00	9,060.00	9,488.09	428.09	9,800.00
Winter maintenance	66,800.00	35.00	66,835.00	67,047.94	212.94	73,700.00
Summer maintenance	30,200.00	152.52	30,352.52	30,391.32	38.80	36,900.00
Oiling	38,000.00		38,000.00	37,941.82	58.18	49,700.00
General expense	19,675.00	2,260.61°	21,935.61	25,211.07	3,275.46	21,575.00
TRA	2,018.38		2,018.38	2,018.38		2,010.00
Street lights	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,546.83	53.17	4,645.00
Gas subsidy	34,686.75		34,686.75	34,686.75		35,534.66
Road improvement	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
Parks	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,725.99	25.99	4,700.00
Grader fund	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
Cemeteries	7,200.00	1,500.00	8,700.00	8,821.42	121.42	10,100.00
Library	25,110.00		25,110.00	25,344.00	234.00	31,296.00

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or — Income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated 1975
Public Welfare							
OAA	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,871.59		1,128.41	2,500.00
Town poor	10,000.00	129.11	10,129.11	6,756.48		3,372.63	10,000.00
Veterans' aid	500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00	500.00
Patriotic Purposes							
Memorial Day	300.00	117.00°	417.00	417.00			500.00
4th of July	300.00	774.26°	1,074.26	1,074.26			1,000.00
Recreation							
Recreation commission	4,230.00	1,610.34	5,840.34	4,293.82		1,546.52	4,675.00
Baboosic	9,125.00	744.38	9,869.38	8,413.14		1,456.24	8,500.00
Debt Service							24,300.00
Interest	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,629.38	629.38		
Notes	16,250.00		16,250.00	16,250.00			
TOTAL	\$568,141.13	\$18,197.61	\$586,338.74	\$581,729.31	\$12,499.26	\$17,108.69	\$619,243.66
						—12,499.26	
						4,609.43	

° Transfer — Contingency

* Includes Accounts Payable

Art. No. 7, Town Hall	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	
Art. No. 19, Master planning	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,744.60	6,255.40**
Art. No. 4, '73, Landfill	12,360.75	12,360.75	6,450.61	5,910.14**
Art. No. 13, '74, Landfill	65,000.00	65,000.00	24,952.37	40,047.63**
Art. No. 11, '74, Appraisal	13,711.00	13,711.00	10,962.00	2,743.00**
Art. No. 12, '73, Conservat.	15,000.00	15,000.00	4,500.00	10,500.00**
Art. No. 9, Town barn	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,817.38	617.38
Art. No. 11, Truck	15,000.00	15,000.00	14,747.11	252.89
Art. No. 15, Fire house	65,000.00	65,000.00	1,590.00	63,410.00**
Art. No. 14, Cruiser	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00**
Art. No. 18, Bicentennial	600.00	228.75	828.75	617.73**
Art. No. 20, Conservation	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Auto Reg.				
Taxes bought			5,832.08	
Refunds & abatements			31,221.29	
Art. No. 13, Tennis court	1,500.00	1,500.00*	7,317.43	
Trustees of cemetery		1,395.00	3,000.00	
Ballfield account		5,820.79	5,820.79	
Truck account		5,577.94	5,577.94	
School district — 1973			972,694.22	
School district — 1974			757,194.57	
(Due \$1,235,821.22)				
Souhegan National Bank			750,000.00	
Precinct	1,349.20	1,349.20	1,349.20	
County of Hillsboro	82,336.21	82,336.21	82,336.21	
Yield Tax			833.93	

* Includes Accounts Payable

** Earmarked Funds

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 10,950 00
Town Officers' Expenses	27,395 00
Election & Registration Expenses	3,500 00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	13,045 00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	10,375 00
Contingency Fund	2,500 00
Police Department	88,855 00
Fire Dept., Forest Fires	27,775 00
Care of Trees	3,500 00
Insurance	17,190 00
Planning & Zoning	17,980 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	5,000 00
Civilian Defense	4,097 00
Health Department	17,259 00
Vital Statistics	150 00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	9,000 00
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	184,686 75
Street Lighting	3,600 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	19,675 00
Town Road Aid	2,018 38
Libraries	25,110 00
Town Poor	10,000 00
Old Age Assistance	3,000 00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	500 00
Patriotic Purposes	600 00
Recreation	17,055 00
Municipal Water — Electric Utilities	1,875 00
Cemeteries	7,200 00
Airports	3,000 00

Payment on Debt:	
(Principal \$16,250) (Interest \$15,000)	31,250 00
Article 9, Town Barn, \$5,200; and	
Article 11, Truck, \$15,000	20,200 00
Article 13, Landfill, \$65,000; and	
Article 14, Cruiser, \$4,000	69,000 00
Article 15, Firehouse, \$65,000; and	
Article 17, Town Hall	72,500 00
Article 18, Bicentennial, \$600; and	
Article 19, Master Plan, \$10,000	10,600 00
Article 20, Conservation Land, \$14,000; and	
Article 21, Tennis Courts, \$1,500	15,500 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$755,941 00

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$75,924 02
Savings Bank Tax	7,725 08
Meals & Rooms Tax	40,249 61
Reimbursement — Baboosic	3,500 00
Reimbursement — Recreation	2,100 00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	5,316 00
Interest Rec'd. on Taxes & Deposits	21,322 93
Business Licenses, Permits and	
Filing Fees	9,482 91
Dog Licenses	2,481 30
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	95,942 45
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	1,546 50
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	2,018 44
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal Court	285 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	122 30
Resident Taxes Retained	38,850 00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	16,000 00

Highway Subsidy	34,686 75	
Police Income	1,000 00	
Total Revenues & Credits	-----	\$358,553 29
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 397,387 84
Net School Appropriations		1,993,015 79
County Tax Assessment		82,336 21
Total of Town, School & County		\$2,472,739 84
Deduct: Reimb. a-c Property		
Exempted 1970 Spec. Session		-20,935 00
Add: War Service Tax Credits		+29,600 00
Add: Overlay		+123,686 03
Property Taxes to be Raised		\$2,605,090 87

Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector

$$\$93,540,067 \times \$27.85 = \$2,605,090.87$$

a. Gross Property Taxes	\$2,605,090 87
b. Gross Precinct Taxes	1,349 20
c. Total	\$2,606,440 07
d. Less: War Service Tax Credits	29,600 00
Total Tax Commitment	\$2,576,840 07

Tax Rates

Town	\$ 5.87
School District	21.11
County	.87
Total	\$27.85
Precinct	.12

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	\$1,060,274	50
In hands of officials — Petty cash	50	00
Total	-----	\$1,060,324 56
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund	\$ 3,602	50
Fire Truck	23,060	86
Fire Station	22,566	94
Tennis Courts	3,050	92
Total	-----	52,281 22
Other bills due Town: (Sched. B)		
(a) Manpower due library	\$234	00
(b) Recovery due on Town poor	983	55
Total	-----	1,217 55
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1973	\$10,110	85
(c) Levy of 1972	1,756	77
(d) Previous Years	288	32
Total	-----	12,155 94
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1974, Including		
Resident Taxes	\$438,388	36
(b) Levy of 1973	10	00
(c) Levy of 1972, land use		
recovery Curtis	826	67
Total	-----	439,225 03
Total Assets		-----
		\$1,565,204 30
Current Surplus, December 31, 1973		
	\$	65,919 89
Current Surplus, December 31, 1974		
		123,685 81
Increase-Decrease of Surplus (Deficit)		
Change in Financial Condition	\$	57,765 92

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills Outstanding (Schedule A)	\$ 1,702	38
Unexpended Balances of Special		
Appropriations: Schedule C	133,489	90
Unexpended Revenue Sharing		
Funds	16,821	49
Performance Guarantee (Bond)		
Deposits (Ginrick)	544	95
Due to State:		
2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes		
(Uncollected)	266	94
Yield Tax Deposits		
(Escrow Account)	460	39
School District Taxes Payable	1,235,821	22
Other Liabilities:		
Prepayment, Brick School	130	00
Total Accounts Owed		
by the Town	-----	\$1,389,237 27
Capital Reserve Funds		52,281 22

Total Liabilities		\$1,441,518 49
Current Surplus (Excess of assets		
over liabilities)		123,685 81

Grand Total		\$1,565,204 30

SCHEDULE A ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Edward C. Masten, Zoning administrator	\$ 350 00
Town of Hudson, Data Processing Town Office	1,335 66
Public Service of N.H., Street Lights	16 72
	----- \$ 1,702 38

SCHEDULE B ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due the Library, Manpower	\$234 00
Due the Town Poor, Recovery repair of pump	323 55
Due Town Poor, Care of minor child per Court order	660 00
	----- \$ 1,217 55

SCHEDULE C UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Art. 19 — Master Planning	\$ 6,255 40
Art. 4 — of 1973 Land Fill	5,910 14
Art. 11 — of 1973 Reappraisal	2,749 00
Art. 12 — of 1973 Conservation	10,500 00
Art. 11 — of 1974 Town Highway Truck	252 89
Art. 15 — of 1974 Fire Station	63,410 00
Art. 4 — of 1974 cruiser	4,000 00
Art. 18 — of 1974 Bi-Centennial	617 73
Art. 13 — of 1974 Land Fill	40,047 63
	----- \$133,489 90

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
1975 Prepay	\$	120 00
Property Taxes, current yr., 1974	2,116,856	94
Resident Taxes, current yr., 1974	28,710	00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes, current yr., 1974	168	60
Yield Taxes, current yr., 1974	4,777	96
Total Current Year's Taxes		
Collected and Remitted	—————	\$2,150,633 50
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, prev. yrs.		223,314 12
Resident Taxes, prev. yrs.		4,520 00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		7,768 58
Penalties: Resident Taxes		471 10
Tax Sales redeemed		25,262 60
From State:		
Highway Subsidy		34,686 75
Interest & Dividends Tax		75,924 02
Savings Bank Tax		7,725 08
Reimbursement a-c State & Federal		
Forest Lands		6 92
Fighting Forest Fires		29 17
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll		2,643 49
Meals & Rooms Tax		40,249 61
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax		20,935 84
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		2,548 40
Fines & Forfeits, municipal & district court		285 00
Rent of Town Property		1,856 50
Interest received on Deposits		14,130 05
Income from Trust Funds		144 63
Income from Departments		38,295 30
Motor Vehicle Permits		101,807 73
Total Current Revenue Receipts		<u>\$2,753,238 39</u>
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$750,000	00
Gifts	1,100	00
New Trust Funds received during year	1,395	00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	157	69
Grants from U.S.A.:		

Revenue Sharing	19,871 00	
Interest on Investments of		
Revenue Sharing Funds	851 98	
Recreation Grants	3,374 00	
1975 Rental Brick School	130 00	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	<u> </u>	3,530,118 06
Conservation Fund	4,092 07	
Truck Transfer	3,544 84	
	<u> </u>	7,636 91
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$3,537,754 97
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1974		842,090 78
Grand Total		<u> </u> \$4,379,895 75

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 10,950 00
Town Officers' Expenses	26,527 58
Election & Registration Expenses	2,166 91
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	20,737 88
Reappraisal of Property	10,962 00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	99,616 07
Fire Dept., including Forest Fires	21,037 70
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust	
and Care of Trees	3,648 30
Planning & Zoning	16,889 83
Damage by Dogs	1,617 43
Insurance	21,327 50
Civil Defense	4,829 58
Conservation Commission	931 32

Health:

Health Department, including	
Hospitals & Ambulance	16,761 36
Vital Statistics	78 50
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	9,488 09

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	2,018 38
Town Maintenance	182,067 26
Street Lighting	3,530 11
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	25,210 69

Libraries:		
Libraries	25,344	00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	1,871	59
Town Poor	6,756	48
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veterans' Associations and Old Home Day	1,491	26
Recreation:		
Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	22,253	74
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including Hearse Hire	8,896	86
Unclassified:		
Damages & Legal Expenses	2,398	50
Taxes bought by Town	31,221	29
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	7,317	43
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	11,357	22
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)	1,395	00
All Other Current Maint. Expenses	104,100	57
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$2,704,800 43
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt:		
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$15,629	38
Total Interest Payments		15,629 38
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$750,000	00
Payments on Long Term Notes	16,250	00
Total Principal Payments		766,250 00
Capital Outlay:		
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	\$15,000	00
Tax Maps	1,608	25
Total Outlay Payments		16,608 25
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	\$	833 93

Taxes paid to County	82,336 21	
Payments to Precincts	3,224 20	
Payments to School Districts	1,729,888 79	
Total Payments to Other		
Governmental Divisions	—————	3,319,571 19
Petty Cash		50 00
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1974		1,060,274 56
		—————
Grand Total		\$4,379,895 75

Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

As of December 31, 1974

Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Arnold Land for Landfill	\$45,189 58
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding	————— \$45,189 58
	—————
Total Long Term Indebtedness —	
December 31, 1974	\$45,189 58

Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness

Outstanding Long Term Debt —	
December 31, 1973	\$16,250 00
New Debt created during Fiscal Year:	
a. Long Term Notes Issued	\$45,189 58
Total	————— 45,189 58
	—————
Total	\$61,439 58
Debt Retirement during Fiscal Year:	
a. Long Term Notes Paid	\$16,250 00
Total	————— 16,250 00
	—————
Outstanding Long Term Debt —	
December 31, 1974	\$45,189 58

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall land and Building	\$ 107,880
Equipment	56,800
Library Land and Building	150,000
Equipment	41,000
Police Department Equipment	15,000
Fire Department land and Building	33,800
Equipment	91,000
Highway Department land and Building	21,900
Equipment	121,000
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	5,000
Brick School	112,600
Equipment	1,000
Annex	13,200
Cemetery House	5,300
Equipment	6,000
Rescue Squad Equipment	7,500
School land and Buildings	4,505,365
Equipment	580,000
Sherburne Recreation Land	1,000
Baboosic Lake	50,000
Equipment	30,000
Dump	2,210
Baboosic Dump	1,990
Joe English Brook Reservation	30,000
Odell Meadow	1,400
Erickson Land	1,440
Plumb Land	4,300
Boissonault Land	3,500
20 Associates Land	40,000
Land Fill Site	85,000
New Fire House Land	8,000
By Tax Collector's Deed	
Goodwin Building	1,000

Chandler Lot	350
Melendy Lot	200
White Lot	1,090
Gelinis	960
Broadway Lot	2,330
Glover Land	1,520
Brooks Land	1,780
Bartlett Land	800
Jones Lot Mother Gardner Crossing	200
Nash Land	150
Yankee Homes Land	500
Yankee Homes Land	150
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	\$6,144,215

Report of Town Clerk

For the Year Ending December 31, 1974

Auto Permits (1973)	\$ 2,219 65
Auto Permits (1974)	99,588 08
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Paid to Treasurer	\$101,807 73

Dog Account

7 Kennel Licenses	
42 Part Year Lic.	
1060 1974 Lic.	
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1109 Total	\$ 2,765 00
Paid Clerk	216 60
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 2,548 40

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the Town Clerk wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs, \$2.00; female dogs, \$5.00; \$1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the town pound.

Report all lost or found dogs to the Police Department.

A fine of \$100.00 shall be levied on dog owners or keepers answering falsely or refusing to answer. (466:43).

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

Report of Tax Collector

1975 WARRANT

Prepaid Property	\$	120 00
Remitted to Treasurer	\$	120 00

1974 SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Committed to Collector:

Property	\$2,577,099 07	
Yield	6,379 60	
Bank Stock	168 60	
	-----	\$2,583,647 27
Added Property		4,593 99
Overpayment — Property		322 41
Interest		113 48

\$2,588,677 15

Remitted to Treasurer — 1974:

Property	\$2,116,856 94	
Yield	4,777 96	
Bank Stock	168 60	
Interest	113 48	
	-----	\$2,121,916 98

Jeopardy Yield Assessment

Remitted 1973	523 33
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Cash on Hand 1974

Property	186 09
Abated per list	36,042 39

Uncollected per list

Property	428,930 05
Yield	1,078 31

\$2,588,677 15

Uncollected Yield Taxes — 1974

Wilkins	\$597 66	
Horace Thomas	119 03	
Davis and Symonds	361 62	
	-----	\$ 1,078 31

1974 RESIDENT TAXES

Committed to Collector	\$38,850 00	
Added Taxes	350 00	
Penalties Uncollected	8 00	
Penalties Collected	157 00	
	-----	\$ 39,365 00

Remitted to Treasurer	\$28,710 00	
Abated per list	2,110 00	
Uncollected per list	8,380 00	
Penalties Uncollected	8 00	
Penalties Remitted	157 00	
	-----	\$ 39,365 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1974:		
Property Tax	\$223,100 64	
Yield Tax	225 61	
Added Property	113 51	
Interest Collected	6,254 77	
	-----	\$ 229,694 53

Remitted to Treasurer:		
1974 Property	\$222,032 01	
1974 Yield	225 61	
Interest	6,254 77	
	-----	\$228,512 39

Abated	1,182 14	
	-----	\$ 229,694 53

1973 RESIDENT TAXES

Uncollected Nov. 1, 1974	\$6,150 00	
Added 1974	280 00	
Penalties	314 10	
	-----	\$ 6,744 10

Remitted to Treasurer	\$4,520 00	
Penalties	314 10	
Abated as per list	1,900 00	
Uncollected Theresa Sliney	10 00	
	-----	\$ 6,744 10

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

1972 Property Taxes

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 1,883 12	
Interest Collected	137 51	

Total Committed	\$ 2,020 63	
Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 1,021 82	
Curtis Recovery	34 63	
Interest Collected	137 51	

	\$ 1,193 96	
Uncollected Recovery from Land Use — Curtis	826 67	

Total	\$ 2,020 63	

1972 RESIDENT TAX WARRANT

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 70 00
Abated, 1974	\$ 70 00

REPORT OF TAX SALES AND UNREDEEMED TAXES

	Tax Account of:		
	1973	1972	Previous
Taxes Sold Town '74	\$28,717.81	\$1,160.47	
Taxes Sold Individuals	615.96		
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1974		4,375.17	\$2,786.56
Interest Collected	527.62	411.01	324.20
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	\$29,861.19	\$5,946.65	\$3,110.76
Remitted to Treasurer	\$19,161.45	\$3,714.31	\$2,386.84
Deeded to Town	61.27	64.56	61.74
Abated			49.66
Interest	527.62	411.01	324.20
Unredeemed Dec. 31	10,110.85	1,756.77	288.32
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	\$29,861.19	\$5,946.65	\$3,110.77

UNREDEEMED TAXES

	1973	1972	Prior
Donald Grant	\$ 392.97	\$ 355.39	
Boston & Maine RR	58.63	51.62	\$ 118.71
Marcel Demers	354.25	348.10	
Marcel Demers	380.29	349.31	
Robert Mailloux			169.61
Charron & Roy		18.26	
Allen Crooker	399.98	391.77	
Clyde Connley		27.61	
Thomas Batera	291.30	214.71	
Donald Handy	1,318.49		
Holman McLean	208.43		
R. Spence	171.33		
Essex Investment	158.65		
Ted Pelletier	77.55		
Robert Currier	44.82		
Essex Investment	16.87		
Essex Investment	183.72		
Robert Currier	40.95		
Robert Currier	12.23		
K & K Construction	2,229.15		
Sonia Thibodeau	98.11		
Robert Currier	64.01		
Properties Inc.	95.08		
Cassarino Heirs	884.67		
Roland Bolger	29.85		
Elizabeth Trembley	514.82		
Gerald Gaidmore	990.22		
Gloria Gabor	1.71		
Gordon McLaughlin	77.05		
Denise Sylvester	201.41		
Cecelia Shooman	618.05		
Jard Corp.	196.26		
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	\$10,110.85	\$1,756.77	\$ 288.32

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1974		\$ 62,501 62
Barbara Landry, Tax Collector:		
Resident & Property Taxes	\$2,411,969 90	
Tax Redemption	68 28	
	-----	2,412,038 18
Bernice Boothroyd, Town Clerk:		
Auto Registrations	\$101,807 73	
Dog Licenses	2,548 40	
	-----	104,356 13
Credit Elections & Registrations:		
Candidates Fees	\$51 00	
Sale of sets of Check Lists	20 00	
	-----	71 00
Donations to 4th of July Committee		264 00
Bi-Centennial Committee — Sale of Hats		228 75
Licenses:		
3 Junk Licenses — 1974	\$75 00	
2 Junk Licenses — 1973	50 00	
	-----	125 00
Maps & Zoning Books	\$295 50	
Copying	136 60	
Tax Bill Duplicates	21 50	
	-----	453 60
Town Buildings:		
Brick School Rentals	\$1,605 00	
Town Hall Rentals	381 50	
	-----	1,986 50
Trustees of the Trust Fund:		
Credit Cemetery Account	\$5,100 00	
Gifts:		
Alexander McKay	100 00	
Marion & Edward Curtis	100 00	
	-----	5,300 00
Trustees of the Cemetery:		
Sale of Lots, Burials, and		
Annual Care		1,195 00

Highway Department		
General Expense	\$ 504 66	
Winter Maintenance	35 00	
Summer Maintenance		
T.R.A.	7 89	
Fiske Highway	144 63	
Town Truck Account	2,033 10	
Bottle Recycling	80 00	
Commercial Dump Fees	330 00	
State of N.H., Gas Tax Refund	1,255 95	
	<hr/>	4,391 23
Amherst Recreation Commission		
Tennis Registrations	\$1,602 20	
Baseball Registrations	253 00	
Basketball Registrations	32 00	
	<hr/>	1,887 20
Donation		7 10
Ball Field Donations		
From Savings Account	\$3,550 00	
Amherst Junior Women's Club	500 00	
Amherst Players	400 00	
Children's Play at Baboosic Lake	75 00	
	<hr/>	4,525 00
Dance		301 00
Baboosic Lake Park		
Concession and Rentals	\$1,050 00	
Electricity – concession	75 00	
Beverage Permits – to Town	70 00	
Registrations	2,392 00	
Dances	519 00	
Steak Cook-out	759 85	
Game Machines and Music	1,349 80	
Swim Team Suits	192 60	
Public Telephone Refund	3 92	
	<hr/>	6,413 17

Amherst Police Department		
Accident & Theft Reports	\$ 357 40	
Bicycle Registrations	624 00	
Dog Fines — Milford Court	285 00	
Special Duty	4,132 84	
Pistol Permits	114 00	
Federal Communications Grant	923 00	
State of N.H. Cadet Program	2,451 00	
State of N.H., Gas Tax Refund	1,273 14	
Sale of Unclaimed Bicycles	107 00	
Gulf Oil Refund	21 70	
Coffee Machine Receipts	9 10	
Miscellaneous — Tinker	21 95	
	-----	10,320 13

Amherst Fire Department		
State of N.H. — Gas Tax Refund		92 70
Zoning Administration		
Zoning Fees	\$9,858 90	
Planning Board Fees	1,190 00	
Test Pit Fees	395 00	
	-----	11,443 90

Town Hall & Office Expense		
Coffee Machine Receipts		14 75
Town Poor		129 11
Tree Committee		35 00
Cancelled & Returned Checks		1,790 20
Return of Conservation Camp Tuition		60 00
Interest Received on		
Investment of Town Funds		14,065 89

State of N.H.		
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 6 92	
Gas Subsidy	34,686 75	
Business Profits Tax	20,935 84	
Interest and Dividends Tax	75,924 02	
Savings Bank Stock Tax	7,725 08	

Forest Fire Subsidy	29 17	
Rooms and Meals Tax	40,249 61	
	<u> </u>	179,557 39
		<u> </u>
Total		\$2,761,051 93
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1974		\$ 62,501 62
Revenue to the General Fund		2,761,051 93
Tax Anticipation Notes		750,000 00
Revenue Sharing Funds to General Fund — 1973 & 1974 Entitlements		20,742 00
Revenue Sharing Interest — 1973 to the General Fund		1,115 36
Revenue Sharing Interest — 1974 to the General Fund		344 83
Police Savings Acct. to General Fund — Gift of Base Radio		1,900 00
Interest on above Acct.		46 91
Recreation Commission Savings Acct. to General Fund		172 79
Interest on above Acct.		17 25
		<u> </u>
		\$3,597,892 69
Invested Town Funds		765,000 00
		<u> </u>
		\$4,362,892 69
Orders Paid		3,318,891 69
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		\$1,044,001 00
General Funds in Certificates of Deposit		814,394 63
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		\$ 229,606 37
Balance in Bank		\$ 227,525 14
Deposits not credited		55,621 70
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		\$ 283,146 84
Outstanding Checks		53,540 47
		<u> </u>
		\$ 229,606 37

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

1974 Entitlements

Amherst Conservation Commission

Savings Account, 6-1-74	\$	2,661	52
Ford Found. 1-13-74		1,360	00
Interest		70	55
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	\$	4,092	07

Schedule

Cash in Hands of Treasurer:

Cash on Deposit in General Fund	\$	229,606	37
CD Accounts — Surplus Town Funds		814,394	63
Escrow Accounts		1,005	34
Amherst Conservation Comm.			
Savings Acct.		4,092	07
Revenue Sharing C.D.'s and Interest		11,176	15
		<hr/>	
	\$	1,060,274	56

MARION M. SORTEVIK, Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

Gross Appropriation	\$10,950 00
Expended:	
Selectmen (3)	\$ 3,900 00
Town Clerk	750 00
Tax Collector	4,500 00
Treasurer	1,200 00
Trustee of Trust Fund (1)	200 00
Auditors (2)	400 00
	<hr/> \$ 10,950 00

Town Hall

Gross Appropriations	\$7,800 00
Rental Income	381 50
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Total Available	\$8,181 50
Expended:	
Janitor	\$ 1,403 15
Extra Janitor Service	141 93
Electricity	807 26
Fuel	408 65
Water	30 00
Maintenance Supplies	375 11
Rubbish Removal	132 00
Town Clock	75 00
Building Repair	930 01
Christmas Tree	20 57
Renovations	3,053 43
Misc.	35 88
	<hr/> \$ 7,412 99

Article No. 7 — Town Hall Renovations

Appropriation	\$7,500 00
Expended:	
Therrien Roofing	\$ 6,830 00

R & R Electric	569 74
Aluminum Products	100 26
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	\$ 7,500 00

Town Office Expense

Gross Appropriation	\$27,395 00
Income	413 35
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Total Available	\$27,808 35
Expended:	
Payroll	\$ 11,935 19
Meeting Expenses	34 48
Mileage	562 00
Postage	1,369 42
RSA	42 00
Town Reports	2,697 50
Binding Records	273 00
Advertising	1,018 75
Telephone	1,878 47
Fees	146 46
Office Supplies	1,695 68
Office Equipment Rep.	217 52
Dues	607 02
Printing	680 96
New Equipment	1,480 41
Eq. Rental	1,429 00
Misc.	459 72
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	\$ 26,527 58
Accts. Payable Town of Hudson	1,335 66
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	\$ 27,863 24

Election and Registration

Gross Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Income	71 00
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	\$3,571 00

Expended:		
Checklists	\$	252 00
Supervisors		297 25
Ballot Clerks		1,118 75
Janitor Service		159 60
Advertising		104 00
Printing		175 50
Voting Booths		52 00
Misc.		7 81
	\$	<u>2,166 91</u>

Zoning Administrator

Gross Budget	\$12,180 00
Including est. income	\$11,000 00
Actual Income	10,253 90
	<u>-----</u> -746 10
Amount Available	<u>-----</u> \$11,433 90

Expended:		
Salaries	\$	9,090 00
Travel		919 57
Supplies		126 13
Postage		9 90
Printing		95 00
Misc.		54 58
Refunds		135 00
Radio		59 00
	\$	<u>10,489 18</u>
Accts. Payable, E. C. Masten		350 00
	\$	<u>10,839 18</u>

Planning Board

Gross Budget	\$4,000 00
including est. income	\$2,000 00
Actual Income	1,190 00
	<u>-----</u> -810 00
Amount Available	<u>-----</u> \$3,190 00

Expended:		
Advertising	\$	436 50
Mapping		7 20
Postage		585 75
File		130 00
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	\$	1,159 45

Nashua Regional Planning

Gross Appropriation	\$1,200 00
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Expended:		
Nashua Regional Planning	\$	1,151 00

Article No. 19 — Master Planning

Appropriation	\$ 10,000 00
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Expended	3,744 60
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Balance in Account to be brought fwd.	\$ 6,255 40
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Board of Adjustment

Gross Budget	\$600 00
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Expended:		
Advertising	\$	313 00
Supplies		32 60
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	\$	345 60

Brick School

Gross Appropriation	\$5,245 00
including rental	

income of	\$1,500 00
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Actual Income	1,475 00
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Amount Available	\$5,220 00
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Expended:		
Janitor	\$	1,316 58
Electricity		425 18
Fuel		3,029 46
Water		30 00

Maintenance Supplies	327 46
Repairs	543 21
Rubbish Removal	153 00
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	\$ 5,824 89
Tree Care	
Gross Appropriations	\$3,500 00
Accounts Payable 1973	271 00
Refunded on Tree	35 00
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	\$3,806 00
Expended:	
Spraying	\$ 300 00
Planting	867 80
Tree Care	950 65
Tree Removal	1,062 85
Common Care	467 00
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	\$ 3,648 30
Fire Department	
Gross Appropriation	\$27,775 00
Gas Tax Refund	92 70
Forest Fires	29 17
Trans. from Contingency	372 74
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	\$28,269 61
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 3,575 00
Fires & Training	8,183 99
Phone	193 65
Electricity	519 48
Water	30 00
Fuel Oil	735 93
Fire Alarm	433 35
Tires	21 66
Repairs	984 77
Gas	889 34
Building Maintenance	224 47

Water Holes	236 00
Supplies	585 36
Equipment	2,286 50
Radio Repairs	486 85
Equipment Repairs	1,387 35
Fire Truck Reserve	6,000 00
South Amherst Fire House	3,000 00
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	\$ 30,037 70

Civil Defense

Gross Appropriation	\$4,097 00
1973 Accounts Payable	246 99
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	\$4,343 99

Expended:

Travel	\$ 9 60
Communication	310 45
Dues & Subscriptions	80 75
Office Supplies	97 87
Spt. Equipment	264 20
Equipment Repairs	378 87
MV Fuel & Repairs	207 18
Motor Vehicle Repairs	96 31
Clothing	239 00
Training	321 66
Misc.	211 83
Equipment	2,611 86
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	\$ 4,829 58

Auto Registration

Expended:

Town Clerk's Salary — fees	\$ 5,519 00
Refunds	313 08
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	\$ 5,832 08

Police Department

Gross Appropriation		\$78,293 00
Including est. income	\$1,900 00	
Actual Income	10,311 03	
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	+8,411 03	
Accounts Payable 1973	326 10	
Gift trans. to		
General Fund	1,946 91	
Trans. from Contingency	500 00	
	<hr/>	11,184 04
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Total Available		\$89,477 04
Expended:		
Salaries		\$ 65,981 63
Out of Town Assistance		39 47
Advertising		11 10
Printing		311 94
Office Supplies		226 83
Telephone		961 56
Camera Supplies		81 29
RSA		42 00
Bike Registrations		23 50
Radio Repairs		241 63
Gas		6,609 25
Cruiser Maintenance		2,855 79
Tires		1,255 09
Special Equipment		409 19
Uniforms		1,951 22
Dry Cleaning		832 97
Training		55 20
Medical Tests		45 00
Mileage		50 00
Office Eq. Repairs		110 70
Misc.		280 43
Dues		47 26
Meeting Expenses		185 00
Vice Expense		20 00

Special Radio	2,963 00
Cruiser	3,558 52
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	\$ 89,149 57

Insurance

Appropriation	\$17,190 00
Trans. from Contingency	500 00
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	\$17,690 00

Expended:

Bonds	\$ 930 00
SMP	2,872 00
Baboosic	627 00
Motor Vehicle	2,390 00
Life & Disability	2,434 46
Officers' Liability	680 00
Workmen's Comp.	3,719 00
Blue Cross	6,791 24
Police Liability	483 80
Special Fire & Police	400 00
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	\$ 21,327 50

Health Department Board of Health

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
Dr. James Starke	\$ 500 00

Souhegan Nursing

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Expended:	
Souhegan Nursing	\$ 1,500 00

Nashua Mental Health

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Expended:	
Nashua Community Council	\$ 1,000 00

Ambulance Service

Appropriation	\$14,259 00	
Expended:		
United Ambulance Service		\$ 13,761 36

Vital Statistics

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Expended:		
Town Clerk's Fees		\$ 78 50

Winter Maintenance

Appropriation	\$66,800 00	
Income	35 00	
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	\$66,835 00	
Expended:		
Salaries		\$ 27,525 75
Hired Equipment		14,419 42
Materials		14,195 85
Parts & Repairs		9,406 92
Capital Expenses		1,500 00
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		\$ 67,047 94

Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	\$30,200 00	
Income	152 52	
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	\$30,352 00	
Expended:		
Salaries		\$ 21,236 93
Hired Equipment		4,423 58
Materials		3,545 23
Supplies		1,185 58
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		\$ 30,391 32

Oiling

Appropriation	\$38,000 00	
Expended:		
Salaries		\$ 7,389 10

Hired Equipment	7,297 05
Materials	23,207 90
Supplies	47 77

\$ 37,941 82

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation \$3,700 00

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 3,169 45
Hired Equipment	292 00
Materials	126 44
Supplies & Repairs	138 10

\$ 3,725 99

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Appropriation \$2,018 38

Expended:

State of New Hampshire	\$ 2,018 38
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General Expenses of the Highway Department

Appropriation \$19,675 00

Income 1,760 61

Trans. from Contingency 500 00

\$21,935 61

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 2,808 00
Telephone	468 13
Office Supplies	119 13
Special Eq.	3,591 93
Eq. Repairs	3,060 72
Motor Vehicle Fuel	7,318 00
Motor Vehicle Rep.	5,582 92
Utilities	492 16
Heat	358 23
Misc.	1,411 85

\$ 25,211 07

Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$7,200 00
Including est. income of	\$3,600 00	
Actual Income	5,100 00	
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		\$8,700 00

Expended:

Personal Services	\$	5,896 15
Hired Equipment		962 65
Materials		550 35
Parts & Repairs		1,412 26
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	\$	8,821 42

Dump

Appropriation		\$9,000 00
Income included	\$350 00	
Actual Income	410 00	
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		\$9,060 00

Expended:

Salaries	\$	6,123 35
Hired Equipment		2,204 50
Materials		1,101 74
Repairs		58 50
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	\$	9,488 09

Road Improvement

Appropriated	\$12,000 00
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Expended:

Materials	\$	12,000 00
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Gas Subsidy

Appropriation	\$34,686 75
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Expended:

Salaries	\$	4,331 30
Hired Equipment		7,539 20
Materials		22,816 25
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	\$	34,686 75

Town Truck Account

Due the Town 1-1-74	\$5,377 94	
Received from State of N.H.	\$	2,033 10
Received from Highway Dept.		3,344 84
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	\$	5,377 94

Street Lighting

Gross Appropriation	\$3,600 00	
Expended:		
Public Service of N.H.	\$	3,530 11
Accts. Payable, Public Service		16 72
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	\$	3,546 83

Libraries

Gross Appropriation	\$25,110 00	
Accounts Receivable		234 00
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	\$25,344 00	
Expended:		
Salaries	\$	17,274 16
Amherst Library		8,069 84
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	\$	25,344 00

Old Age Assistance

Gross Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire	\$	1,871 59

Veterans Aid

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Expended	\$	0 00

Legal

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Expended:	
Enright, Lizotte and Drescher	\$ 2,398 50

Dog Account

Gross Appropriations	\$2,750 00
Including est. income	\$2,750 00
Actual Income	2,548 40
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	-201 60
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Amount Available	\$2,548 40

Expended:	
Dog Care	\$ 1,182 50
Extermination	114 00
Tags	98 93
Advertising	42 00
Printing	180 00
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	\$ 1,617 43

Conservation

Gross Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Expended:	
Surveying	\$ 575 00
Dues	17 50
CC Youth Camp Tuition	132 00
Supplies	37 34
Land Maintenance	69 84
Misc.	99 64
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	\$ 931 32

**Patriotic Purposes
Memorial Day**

Appropriation	\$300 00
From Contingency	117 00

\$417 00

Expended:

Bands	\$ 375 00
Flowers	42 00

\$ 417 00

4th of July

Appropriation	\$300 00
Income	\$264 00
From Contingency	510 26

774 26

\$1,074 26

Expended:

Janitor — School	\$ 20 00
Misc.	18 90
Milford Auto	6 36
Bands	600 00
1973 Unpaid Bills	100 00
Lafayette Artillery	75 00
Merrimack Ox Bow	50 00
Naval Cadets	50 00
Bill's Guns	154 00

\$1,074 26

Communication Center

Appropriation	\$10,562 00
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Expended:

Town of Milford	\$ 10,466 50
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Taxes Bought by the Town

Amherst Tax Collector	\$ 31,221 29
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Discounts, Abatements and Refunds

Expended \$ 7,317 43

Retirement and Social Security

Gross Appropriation \$10,375 00

Expended:

State of N.H. Police Retirement \$ 2,796 75

State of N.H. OSI 8,560 47

\$ 11,357 22

Interest

Appropriation \$15,000 00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank \$ 15,629 38

Mapping

Appropriation \$2,000 00

Income 250 00

\$2,250 00

Expended:

James Sewell Company \$ 1,608 25

Payments to Trustees of the Trust Funds

New Funds \$ 200 00

Grader Fund from General Exp. 3,000 00

South Amherst Fire House

from FD Budget 3,000 00

South Amherst Truck

from Fire Dept. Budget 6,000 00

Tennis Court Reserve 1,500 00

Art. 13 of '73 — Tennis Ct. Reserve 1,500 00

\$ 15,200 00

Trustees of Cemeteries

Income 1974 \$1,195 00

Expended:

To Trustees \$ 1,195 00

Notes Payable

Appropriation	\$16,250 00
Expended:	
Herbert Wenzel	\$ 16,250 00

Recreation

Gross Appropriation	\$4,230 00
Including est. income	\$ 750 00
Actual Income	2,385 34

	+1,635 34

Trans. from Baseball Acct. to Ballfield Fund	-25 00

Total Available	\$5,840 34
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Expended:

Salary Director	\$ 800 00
Tennis Instruction	1,536 00
Baseball	488 00
Basketball	212 35
Football	300 00
Softball	47 67
Tennis	391 71
Soccer	30 60
Advertising	3 02
Printing	72 00
Water	25 00
MA Assoc.	100 00
Misc.	5 37
Dance	275 00
Refund	7 10

	\$ 4,293 82

Ball Field Account

1973 Carry over	\$3,550 00
Income	975 00
Trans. from Baboosic	1,270 79
Trans. from Recreation	25 00

	\$5,820 79

Expended:

Oliver Merrill	\$ 5,820 79
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	Baboosic	
Gross Appropriation		\$ 9,125 00
Including est. income	\$4,328 00	
Actual Income	6,343 17	
	<hr/>	+2,015 17
Total Available		<hr/> \$11,140 17
Trans. to Ball Field Acct.		1,270 79
		<hr/> \$ 9,869 38

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 4,743 75
Gateman	50 00
Advertising	28 07
Craft Supplies	51 46
Washroom Supplies	122 55
First Aid Supplies	5 57
Utilities	453 54
Sign	50 00
Refuse	76 50
Janitor	90 00
Plowing	210 00
Eq. Rep.	16 50
Painting	112 40
Office Eq.	47 60
Family Cookout	478 06
Misc.	50 00
Swim Contest	205 45
Refunds	6 00
Bldg. Repairs	367 00
Dance	275 00
Game Commissions	674 89
	<hr/> \$ 8,413 14

School District of Amherst

Expended:

1973 Bal. of Appropriation	\$972,694 22
1974-1975 Appropriation	757,194 57
	<hr/> \$1,729,888 79
Bal. due the School District	\$1,235,821 22

Precinct Tax

Amherst Village District — Tax Collected \$ 1,349 20

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation \$1,875 00

Expended:

Amherst Village District \$ 1,755 00

Town of Milford 120 00

\$ 1,875 00

County of Hillsborough

County Tax Collected \$ 82,336 21

State of New Hampshire

Yield Tax Collected \$ 833 93

Article No. 4 of 1973 — Sanitary Land Fill

Unexpended Balance 1-1-74 \$ 12,360 75

Expended:

State of N.H. Hearing \$ 25 00

Land Purchase Van Vlanderaan 5,000 00

Expenses 15 61

Engineering 1,320 00

Test Pits 90 00

6,450 61

Unexpended Balance \$ 5,910 14

Article No. 11 of 1973 — Reappraisal

Unexpended Balance 1-1-74 \$ 13,711 00

Expended:

United Appraisal 10,962 00

Unexpended Balance \$ 2,749 00

Article No. 12 of 1973 – Conservation Land Purchase	
Unexpended 1-1-74	\$ 15,000 00
Unexpended Balance on Deposit in Certificate of Deposit A4-73	
Expended:	
Len Boissonault	4,500 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 10,500 00

Article No. 13 of 1973 – Tennis Court Reserve	
See Payments to Trustees	\$ 1,500 00

Article No. 9 of 1974 – Addition to Town Barn	
Appropriated	\$5,200 00
Expended	\$ 5,817 38

Article No. 11 of 1974 – Town Truck	
Appropriated	\$15,000 00
RFS Funds	\$12,000 00
By Taxes	3,000 00
Expended	\$ 14,747 11

Article No. 15 – South Amherst Fire Station	
Appropriation	\$ 65,000 00
Expended	1,590 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 63,410 00
On Deposit in Certificate of Deposit A-15FH	

Article 14 of 1974 – Police Cruiser	
Appropriated RSF	\$ 4,000 00
Expended	0 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 4,000 00

Article 17 – Town Hall Repairs
Reported under Town Hall Account

Article 18 – Bicentennial Committee

Appropriation	\$ 600 00
Income	228 75
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	\$ 828 75
Expended	211 02
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 617 73

Article 19 – Master Planning Reported under Planning Board

Article 20 – Conservation Commission Land Purchase

Appropriated	\$40,000 00
Expended:	
20 Associates	\$ 40,000 00

Article 21 – Tennis Court Reserve

See Payment to Trustees of	\$ 1,500 00
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Article No. 13 of 1974 – Land Fill

Appropriation	\$ 65,000 00
Expended:	
Van Vlanderaan Property	
\$18,655 –\$5,000 (Art. 4 of '73)	\$13,655 00
Arnold Property First Payment	11,297 37
Unexpended Balance of \$40,476.63 depositd in CD's which will mature on due dates of subsequent 4 payments.	

Contingency Account

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Transferred as follows:	
4th of July	\$ 510 26
Memorial Day	117 00
Fire Department	372 74
Police Department	500 00
Highway General Expense	500 00
Insurance	500 00
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	\$ 2,500 00

Town Poor	
Gross Appropriation	\$10,000 00
Recovery	129 11
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	\$10,129 11
Expended:	
E. C. Masten, Overseer	\$ 300 00
To Cases	
No. 1	\$ 526 21
No. 2	192 38
No. 3	832 35
No. 4	46 50
No. 5	233 04
No. 6	34 70
No. 7	169 07
No. 8	79 00
No. 9	340 10
No. 10	660 00
No. 11	524 05
No. 12	582 35
No. 13	36 77
No. 14	25 00
No. 15	1,860 00
No. 16	14 96
No. 17	300 00
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	6,456 48
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	\$ 6,756 48

Report of Highway Agent

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1974.

Winter Maintenance — \$67,047.94

The winter maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice storms is charged to this account. We have approximately 110 miles of roads to care for with five hired trucks with plows, one Town tractor, four Town trucks, and one grader. We have tried to give school bus routes and areas where children walk to school or to meet buses special attention. We also clear snow from some sidewalks in the village as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark Schools, the Fire Station, Library, Old Brick School and the Town Hall.

The other main work done in winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are more economically cleared in the winter as it is possible to burn all brush at the site and eliminate costly hauling to the dump area. During the winter of '73 — '74 brush and trees were cut at Meadowview Cemetery and the Dump area, and on the County Road when possible.

Sand is being used in larger amounts in order to cut the use of rock salt, in the name of ecology, but this does not save money and it takes longer to make the roads safe for travel. Also, this method of ice control will require more clean-up in the spring than the use of just salt for ice control. The cooperation of the public in the form of reduced speed is also necessary during storm periods in order for this program to work.

Summer Maintenance — \$30,391.32

All general maintenance from the middle of March to December 1 is covered under this account. Included is the grading, use of the York rake on 34 gravel roads several

times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs, etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1974 several roads were spot graveled. They were: County Road, Stearns Rd., Austin Rd., Dodge Rd., Brook Rd., Stockwell Rd., Nichols Rd., Thorntons Ferry Rd. #2, Old Manchester Rd., Schoolhouse Rd., Grater Rd., and Old Milford Rd. Culverts were replaced on: Mt. Vernon Rd., Spring Rd., Stearns Rd., Boston Post Rd. (North), Aglipay Dr., Dodge Rd., Oak Hill Rd., and Baboosic Lake Rd. Brush was cut on approximately 100 miles of road and in some areas this was done a second time. Brush was hand cut on Mack Hill Rd., Horace Greeley Rd., Brook Rd., New Boston Rd., Old Mt. Vernon Rd. and at corners and intersections.

Many hours were spent replacing street signs. The old wooden signs are being replaced by a more durable metal sign with steel posts. Complete replacement of all wooden signs will be accomplished over several years.

Oiling — \$37,941.82

In 1974 the price of asphalt went from \$.24 per gallon to \$.43. Because of this tremendous increase our re-oiling program had to be cut back. To stay within our budget, the following roads were re-oiled in 1974: (a total of 37,000 gallons of asphalt were used for a total of 12.3 miles) Thorntons Ferry #1, Ponemah Hill Rd., Old Nashua Rd., North Hollis Rd., Boston Post Rd., Thorntons Ferry #2, Veterans Rd., Northfield Rd., Windsor Dr., Cross Rd., Mack Hill (jct. Sprague Rd. north), Warren Way, Jones Rd., Deerwood Dr., Danbury Circle, Newbury Drive, Ravine Rd., and Roberts Rd.

The cost of patching all black roads and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under this oiling appropriation. 10,000 Gallons of waste oil were applied to gravel roads where dust is a problem.

Town Road Aid — \$15,472.08

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help towns improve their roads. Money for this account is raised on a 15% town cost and 85% State aid. Supervision is jointly held by the State and the Road Agent. Under this account money was spent on 800' of Old Mt. Vernon Rd. and 1100' of Mt. Vernon Rd. (from jct. of Boston Post Road, north to Tommy Brook). These two roads were completely rebuilt (new culverts), gravel, and mix and place. This account also paid for the gravel for the bridge on New Boston Road.

Gas Subsidy — \$34,686.75

This is a program started in 1971 by the State to help towns improve their roads and the care of their roads. Money for this account is 100% State aid. \$10,000.00 of this account was spent on shimming Boston Post Road, south (3 days). It was planned to start a rebuilding project on Merrimack Road from the junction of Rte. 122 to Pine Acres. Because of a land acquisition problem, this project was postponed to 1975. Instead, the rebuilding of 1200' of Spring Road near the Elden's house was started. This will be completed in 1975. This account paid for the replacement of an old stone bridge on the New Boston Road. The replacement of all culverts on the gravel part of Stearns Road was completed and paid for by this account. Work on this road will continue for the next 3 years to a completion for a hot top surface.

Road Improvement — \$12,000.00

Money under this account was spent on shimming the following roads: Spring Road (1700'), Mack Hill Road (jct. Roberge Dr. to Austin Road), Mack Hill Road (jct. Shadow Lane south 350'), and Mt. Vernon Rd. (jct. Green Rd. to Secomb Rd.). Spot shimming was done on Boston Post Road (by the Fire Station), Jones Road, New Boston Road, and Mack Hill Road.

Parks and Playgrounds — \$3,725.99

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight town commons, two playgrounds, the Old Brick School yard, Wilkins and Clark School grounds. Some of the work at the Library comes under this account. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the grass, care of the park fences, and the constant picking up of papers, etc. from the lawns. Town trash barrels are placed in these areas during the summer and have helped keep our village picked up. Also, mowing of the Little League ball field outside the regular playgrounds comes under this account.

This past year the fence at the Brick School and the park fence were repaired. Fifty of the old stone posts from the back fence of Meadowview cemetery were salvaged and used. Rails were replaced when necessary.

Cemeteries — \$8,821.41

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, the Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner and the Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was: 1) a new water system was installed at Meadowview Cemetery. 2) a new fence was installed on the southwest side of Meadowview Cemetery, 3) a new avenue was constructed on the west side of Meadowview Cemetery. With the new water system, the rebuilding of the older lots will be resumed. There were 15 burials in Meadowview Cemetery, 1 in Cricket Corner Cemetery, and 1 in Chestnut Hill Cemetery. A program of resetting the older stones in all cemeteries will be expanded in 1975. Also, an area at the rear of the Chestnut Hill Cemetery is to be re-seeded.

Dumps — \$9,488.09

Money from this account paid for the custodian's time, the hiring of a bulldozer several times during the year, and

the constant hauling of gravel to cover the dump driving area. We were able to start a program of covering areas at the dump that can no longer be used. A large area next to Dodge Road was covered and seeded. In 1975, the dump will be closed and the remainder of the dump will be covered and seeded.

I would like you, the taxpayer, to know that your highway department is doing everything possible to give you good service and to keep the cost of operation down. With this in mind, we have tried to assist various other departments whenever possible. We have asked for a wood chipper in 1975 to enable us to chip brush on the site and eliminate having to haul brush to the dump or the sanitary land fill in the future.

The second part of a new salt bin was built at the Town Barn yard by Department employees. The old salt bin which was part of the original building was made available for vehicles. This year a small addition has been added to provide toilet facilities and a parts room. No other building needs are contemplated in the near future.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1974 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs. I would also like to thank Roy Wheeler for the 25 years of dedicated service to the Amherst Highway Department, and wish him well in the future.

Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Highway Agent

Amherst Fire Department

Annual Report — 1974

The following is a summary of the Amherst Fire Department's activities in 1974.

The Department responded to a total of 106 calls during the year, of which 4 were major structural fires, as compared to 97 calls last year, and 7 were major fires.

Amherst Fire Calls

House	4	Oil Burner	1
Brush	13	Clothes dryer	2
Fireplace	2	Gas leaks (propane)	1
Dump	18	Search party	1
Trash	3	Grass	4
Accident	4	Chimney	4
Dishwasher	1	Garage	1
Oven	1	Tree electrical	2
Grease	1	False Alarm	1
Transformer	1	Kennel	1
Electrical	1	Camper	1
Car	4	Brush chipper	1
Gas wash down	10	Misc.	4
Hot water heater	1		

Mutual aid was received 10 times and supplied out of town 8 times.

The Amherst Fire Department is composed of three engine companies, and listed below are the officers and the number of calls each engine responded to in 1974:

Engine One:

Captain Joe Luongo

Lt. Dave Hanlon

Responded to 36 calls.

Engine Two:

Captain Dave Sliney

Lt. Edward Houck

Responded to 69 calls.

This engine is used for most of the out-of-town mutual aid calls.

Engine Three:

Captain Robert Hall

Lt. Mike Riccitelli

Responded to 83 calls.

Engine Four:

A 1960 International 4-wheel drive brush truck. As this is a smaller piece of equipment, it is easier to manipulate through the woodlands, enabling us to perform a greater service in the area of woods fires. This engine responded to 23 calls.

Engine Six:

This military vehicle, obtained at no cost to the town through our Civil Defense Dept., has a water capacity of 2,000 gallons. This truck responded to 28 calls.

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the phone number of the Communications Center, which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, Wilton, and Mont Vernon 24 hours a day. Please give the property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

A combined drill with all companies is held the first Monday of the month. Each engine company holds a practice drill on one of the following Mondays of that month.

During 1974 the Fire Wards worked with architect Robert Jackson on the plans for the South Station to be erected on Stearns Road. It is to be completed during 1975. A company will be formed to man that station, bringing the total of the Amherst Fire Department up to 52 men. The new engine ordered in 1974 is due in early 1976. It is similar to Engine Three. Also, the Department would like to acquire a military surplus vehicle like Engine Six.

The Wards would like to thank the members of the three engine companies for their time and effort put forth. Also,

our thanks to the selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the people of Amherst for the support they give the department.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief

RICHARD G. CROCKER, First Assistant Chief

DAVID HERLIHY, JR., Second Assistant Chief

Fire Prevention Team

The following is a summary of the Fire Prevention Team's activities for 1974.

The Fire Prevention Team conducted a total of 44 inspections during the year.

Private Homes	27
Public Schools	7
Foster Homes	2
Kindergartens	3
Business	5

In addition to the inspections conducted, team members attended a five week course on fire prevention, instructed groups in the proper use of fire extinguishers, spoke to local service organizations and school children, and distributed fire prevention literature during three major campaigns conducted each year.

The Fire Prevention Team was founded in 1974 by members of the Fire Department and presently have 11 volunteers.

Mike Riccitelli

Chairman

Art McKinney

Secretary

We would like to remind homeowners that home inspections are by request only and are totally confidential. Home inspection arrangements can be made by contacting the Chairman, Secretary, or any team member.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL RICCITELLI, Chairman

ARTHUR MCKINNEY, Secretary

Forest Fire Warden

All open burning when the ground is not covered with snow is controlled by the Town Forest Fire Warden in co-operation with the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service. Anyone wishing to kindle a fire out-of-doors when the ground is not covered with snow must have a written permit signed by the Town Forest Fire Warden. If the fire is to be kindled on land not owned by the person kindling the fire then he must have the permission of the landowner. No outdoor fires can be kindled between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. unless it is raining, without the additional approval of the District Forest Fire Chief.

The 1974 forest fire season was one of the worst in the past two decades. Woodlands in central and southern New Hampshire became so dry in mid August that the Governor and Council, upon the recommendation of the State Forester, enacted a partial woodlands closure in Sullivan, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Belknap Counties and a complete woodlands closure in Strafford and Rockingham Counties plus the Towns of Barnstead, Gilmanston and Alton in Belknap County. Through the excellent cooperation of the citizens of our State no major forest fire occurred at any time during the year.

1974 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	871	915
District	163	106
Town	16	9-1/2

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Fire Chief

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Forest Fire Warden

Amberst Police Department

Police Roster

Chief James F. Tinker, Jr.
Sergeant John T. Osborn
Officer David Bode
Officer Steven Sexton
Officer Edward Gamache
Spl. Officer Robert McHatton
Spl. Officer Robin Mangold
Spl. Officer Albert Junkins
Spl. Officer John X. Murphy
Traffic Aide Diane Simenson
Traffic Aide Sylvia Martel
Traffic Aide Joanne Osborn

1974 Summer Cadets:

Cadet Lauri Landry
Cadet Patrick Doherty
Cadet Robert McHatton

Incidents reported to police in 1974:

133	Accidents
169	Arrests
1	Arson (attempt)
69	Assistance requested by a motorist
10	Assault
12	Bad Checks
100	Burglar Alarms
57	Burglaries
4	Blood transfer
3	Bomb threats
17	Cash escorts
3	Counterfeit currency
143	Criminal Mischief
1	Criminal Threat
9	Cruelty to animals
2	Death reports

212	Dog complaints
34	Fire calls
73	Found property
3	Indecent exposure
14	Lost property
54	Medical assistance
461	Miscellaneous incidents
19	Missing persons
17	Mutual aid to other depts.
39	Nuisance phone calls
45	Open doors/windows
29	Prowlers
1	Rape
10	Recovered stolen vehicles
12	Stolen vehicles
99	Suspicious persons/vehicles
127	Thefts
14	Towed vehicles
39	Transfers
4	Trespassing
4	Trespassing Stock
8	Truancy
7	Use of firearms by police officers
2058	Incidents reported in 1974
1064	Incidents reported in 1973
716	Incidents reported in 1972

Arrests by Amherst Police in 1974:

2	Accomplice to burglary
5	Assault
10	Bench warrants and arrest for other departments.
11	Burglary
1	Contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
14	Criminal mischief
1	Criminal threats
1	Cruelty to animals
1	Discharging firearms in the compact area of a town.
1	Disobeyed the lawful order of a police officer.

7	Disorderly conduct
28	Driving while intoxicated
1	Escapee — returned to Youth Development Center, Manchester.
2	False report to a police officer
1	Forgery
2	Furnishing alcohol to a minor.
1	Hit and run
2	Indecent exposure
3	Intoxification
3	Knowingly present where a controlled drug is present.
3	Minor in possession of alcohol.
6	Possession of a controlled drug.
7	Possession of stolen property.
1	Reckless conduct
1	Reckless driving
6	Runaways (juveniles)
18	Theft
2	Theft by bad check
4	Trespassing
5	Truancy
13	Unauthorized use of a vehicle
4	Unlicensed operator
1	Unsupervised minor with a BB gun.
1	Willful concealment (shoplifting)
169	Total arrests for 1974
133	Total arrests for 1973
72	Total arrests for 1972
294	Total summonses for 1974
990	Warnings for 1974
1284	Total driver contacts

Like the cost of living, police activity is up in every category. The slight increase in burglaries compared to those reported in 1973 may give the impression that we are keeping crime down in this problem area, but Amherst taxpayers lost \$57,198.12 in stolen property to thieves in 1974. Your police department recovered \$24,090.75 of that. Out

of 57 burglaries reported in 1974, 9 are closed cases. 48 of the 57 reported burglaries are unsolved, no arrests have been made and none are likely.

Calls for police service have almost tripled since 1972, going from 716 to 2058. Our statistics show the increase in requests for police service and point out from which direction the demands are coming. More of our citizens are equipping their homes and businesses with sophisticated alarm systems. We spend far more time on dog complaints than we do on automobile accidents. Forgery has popped up in our arrest statistics for the first time. One enterprising thief has printed his own cashier's checks drawn on a Chelsea, Massachusetts bank. He has left his checks all over New Hampshire, \$1200 worth in our town. Stolen cars have doubled. Arrests are up. Petty thievery is up, costly vandalism, particularly at the Amherst Town Park area and in the village area hit the taxpayer hard this year. The Brick School and the Clark School suffered more than their share of damage. In one night alone over \$700 worth of windows were wiped out of the Wilkins School. One south Amherst restaurant owner reported five burglaries and six cases of criminal mischief (vandalism) in 1974.

Our five man department spread over a seven day week, 24 hours a day, permits us to have one officer on duty at all times, with one shift a week covered by either a part-time officer or a full-time officer working overtime. Administrative and court duties leave little time for the chief to be included in the patrol schedule.

Now for the good news. Amherst is almost completely free of violence. There have been no robberies, and the 10 assaults reported to us were "family" problems, where one member of the household has struck another member and the second one wants number one arrested. It is our policy to settle these differences without an arrest if possible. We are about 50% successful. One very serious crime was reported to us, rape. We requested a state police investigator to work on the case. He quickly came up with a probable

suspect, but the victim had left New Hampshire for the west coast, unable to testify. The same suspect has been indicted by a Massachusetts grand jury for the same offense.

We conducted a successful open house in our offices for the first time in 1974. Two or three hundred new friends and familiar faces came through and were acquainted with our resources and facilities.

In our schools the Officer Bill program went full speed ahead as in the last few years. It is a good program; youngsters learn that the officer is approachable, a person to turn to for help and not really such a bad guy as his image seems to indicate.

Our bicycle rodeo attracted many youngsters; local businesses donated prizes, other town departments donated man (and woman) power, and a good time was had by all. Highway safety scored a big plus. It is hard to believe, but most of our young bicyclists drive on the right, look where they are going and wear light clothing at night.

Over 1300 bicycles were safety inspected and registered by police in 1974.

For the first time in Amherst history we initiated a police cadet program. Three young people interested in a criminal justice career worked with police officers for ten weeks during the summer vacation months. These young persons had no police authority, but worked alongside police officers for the entire summer. The program was funded by a \$2322 grant from the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency and was matched by \$129 from the Town of Amherst. One cadet has since been hired as a special officer, and the other two have returned to school, looking forward to law enforcement related careers.

The successful operation of a police department depends heavily on the attitude and cooperation of the citizens of the community. This once a year opportunity to say thank you is inadequate. We do want the Amherst citizen to know we are grateful for every bit of assistance we have had throughout 1974, be it help at an accident scene, purchase of a policeman's ball ticket or testimony at a trial.

JAMES F. TINKER, JR., Chief of Police

Report of Cemetery Trustees

Year Ended December 31, 1974

Balance, December 31, 1973:

	Principal	Income	Total
George W. Putnam Fund	\$ 1,962.76	\$ 1,070.65	\$ 3,033.41
Alice M. Wilkins Fund	3,925.43	2,059.13	5,984.56
Town of Amherst Reserve Fund	1,644.98	199.29	1,844.27
Perpetual Care Funds	103,633.06	28,122.39	131,755.45
	<u>\$111,166.23</u>	<u>\$31,451.46</u>	<u>\$142,617.69</u>

Received During the Year:

New perpetual care accounts	550.00		550.00
Investment income		7,603.12	7,603.12
Capital gain dividends	2,951.20		2,951.20
Sales of lots and cemetery services	1,195.00		1,195.00
	<u>\$ 4,696.20</u>	<u>\$ 7,603.12</u>	<u>\$ 12,299.32</u>

Expended During the Year:

Insulation for maintenance building	\$	\$ 261.74	\$ 261.74
New underground water system		2,780.00	2,780.00
New fence along Christian Hill Road		1,165.00	1,165.00
Install electric heat in maintenance building		286.80	286.80
Purchase Stationery		41.00	41.00
Safe deposit box rental		8.00	8.00
General cemetery expense: (mowing, etc.) 50% share of 1974 town appropriation		3,600.00	3,600.00
Extra work done on perpetual care lots		1,500.00	1,500.00
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 9,642.54</u>	<u>\$ 9,642.54</u>

Balance, December 31, 1974:

George W. Putnam Fund	\$ 2,022.65	\$ 464.20	\$ 2,486.85
Alice M. Wilkins Fund	4,045.21	938.54	4,983.75
Town of Amherst Reserve Fund	2,839.98	285.61	3,125.59
Perpetual Care Funds	106,954.59	27,723.69	134,678.28
	<u>\$115,862.43</u>	<u>\$29,412.04</u>	<u>\$145,274.47</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 EDWARD J. MARCHILDON
 EDWARD C. MASTEN
 DAVID T. RAMSAY, Trustees

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1974

PRINCIPAL

No. of Shares	Description of Investments	Balance Beginning of Year	Purchase	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sale	Balance End of Year	Market Value	Income During Year
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:								
1456	Broad Street Investing Corporation	\$ 16,095.19		\$ 949.61		\$ 17,044.80	\$ 12,975.75	\$ 684.46
3780	Chemical Fund, Inc.	15,998.83		1,633.33		17,632.16	25,328.21	756.06
986	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	11,805.74		165.67		11,971.41	10,975.63	571.95
86	First Financial Group of N.H., Inc.						1,290.00	86.00
3458	National Investors Corporation	12,985.52		1,490.13		14,475.65	16,010.06	553.26
1157	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc.	10,857.57		261.17		10,918.74	8,854.18	246.09
1517	Puritan Fund, Inc.	13,913.57		75.37		13,988.94	11,527.63	837.76
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	682.21
	Concord Savings Bank	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	124.56
	The Manchester Bank	15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00	929.18
	Manchester Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	136.25
	Merchants Savings Bank	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.00	136.32
	New Hampshire Savings Bank	5,255.07				5,255.07	5,255.07	358.53
	Souhegan National Bank	3,800.00				3,800.00	3,800.00	195.43
	U.S. Treasury Bonds — 3½%, 6% — 1982	35,000.00				35,000.00	33,124.00	2,231.26
	Souhegan National Bank — checking account	17.60				17.60	17.60	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS		\$156,529.09	\$	\$4,575.28	\$	\$161,104.37	\$160,158.13	\$ 8,529.32

INCOME INVESTMENTS:

562	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	\$ 6,801.92.	\$	94.42	\$	6,896.34	\$ 6,255.29	\$ 420.39
48	First Financial Group of N.H., Inc.	100.00				100.00	720.00	48.00
2457	The Manchester Bank	5,690.85	1,370.54			7,061.39	7,061.39	370.54
	National Dividend Fund	14,411.58		168.49	2.99	14,577.08	6,412.77	679.47
TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS		\$ 27,004.35	\$1,370.54	\$ 262.91	\$2.99	\$ 28,634.81	\$ 20,449.45	\$ 1,518.40
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS		\$183,533.44	\$1,370.54	\$4,838.19	\$2.99	\$189,739.18	\$160,607.58	\$10,047.72

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1974

			PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
Purpose of Trust Fund			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
COMMON TRUST FUNDS:										
1927	Enma L. Clark	Library	\$ 981.56		\$ 29.97	\$ 1,011.53	\$ 48.26	\$ 55.86	\$ 48.26	\$ 55.86
1945	James Day	Library	11,776.00		359.30	12,135.30	578.60	669.81	578.60	669.81
1923	Fannie P. French	Library	1,962.76		59.89	2,022.65	96.44	111.65	96.44	111.65
1928	George W. George	Library	981.56		29.97	1,011.53	48.26	55.86	48.26	55.86
1902	Edmund M. Parker	Library	1,962.76		59.89	2,022.65	96.44	111.65	96.44	111.65
1957	Anna H. Mosher	Library	3,454.00		86.88	3,540.88	139.92	161.97	139.92	161.97
1942	David E. Fisk	Highway	2,943.90		89.81	3,033.71	144.63	167.43	144.63	167.43
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	2,943.90		89.81	3,033.71	144.63	167.43	144.63	167.43
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	School	981.56		29.97	1,011.53	48.26	55.86	48.26	55.86
1876	Isaac Spalding	School	17,418.77		531.46	17,950.23	855.85	990.77	855.85	990.77
1964	Bradford-Miles Long-	School	10,401.07		257.13	10,658.20	1,238.26	541.00	150.00	1,629.26
1932	Sullivan Scholarship-	Cemetery	1,962.76		59.89	2,022.65	1,070.65	164.95	771.40	464.20
1938	George W. Putnam	Cemetery	3,925.43		119.78	4,045.21	2,059.13	325.79	1,446.38	938.54
Various	Perpetual Care:									
		Unrestricted	9,887.45	289.07	10,176.52	3,753.55	928.19	2,603.49	2,078.25	
Various	Restricted		84,945.61	2,482.46	87,428.07	22,397.94	5,539.50	4,821.27	23,116.17	
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			\$156,529.09	\$	\$4,575.28	\$161,104.37	\$ 32,720.82	\$10,047.72	\$11,993.83	\$30,774.71
FUNDS SEPARATELY INVESTED										
IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:										
Various	Perpetual care	Cemetery	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 550.00		\$ 9,350.00	\$ 1,970.90	\$ 558.37		\$ 2,529.27
Various	Town of Amherst	Fire Truck	14,604.39	6,000.00		20,604.39	1,565.50	890.97		2,456.47
Various	Town of Amherst	Grader	none	3,000.00		3,000.00	570.33	32.17		602.50
Various	Town of Amherst	Fire District	15,000.00	3,000.00		18,000.00	1,643.93	923.01		2,566.94
Various	Town of Amherst	Scholarship	125.00	125.00		250.00	94.01	12.80		36.81
Various	Town of Amherst	Cemetery Res.	1,644.98	1,195.00		2,839.98	199.29	86.32		285.61
Various	Town of Amherst	Recreation	None	3,000.00		3,000.00	none	50.92		50.92
TOTAL SEPARATELY INVESTED FUNDS			\$ 40,174.37	\$16,870.00	\$	\$ 57,044.37	\$ 5,973.96	\$ 2,554.56	\$	\$ 8,528.52
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			\$196,703.46	\$16,870.00	\$4,575.28	\$218,148.74	\$ 38,694.78	\$12,602.28	\$11,993.83	\$39,303.23

Tree Committee Report

As in the past years, the Amherst Tree Committee has concentrated on keeping the trees and ornamental shrubs on the village streets and commons in good health, and replacing those which are lost to disease and old age.

In 1974, we sprayed the elms with both dormant and foliage sprays to reduce the danger of their succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease, using chemicals recommended by the University of N. H. as having no appreciable ill-effect on the environment. We pruned the dead branches from village trees, cut back some shrubs and cabled badly forked trees in danger of splitting. We also limed the commons and mulched with bark and watered during the summer all newly planted trees.

In the interest of safety, aesthetics and sanitation, fifteen dead trees, mostly sugar maples, were cut down in and outside of the village. Eight of these threatened utility lines and were removed in cooperation with the Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The following trees were planted: seven Crimson King maples, three ashes, a Juneberry, a paper birch clump, and a red oak, the last given as a memorial to the late Nils Monson, a longtime resident of this town.

Thanks must be expressed to the several citizens who supplied water for the regular watering of the newly-planted trees, most of which came through their first season in fine condition.

In 1975, the committee hopes to continue operations much as in the past year, with the addition of fertilizing recently planted trees, but eliminating liming of the commons.

NORMAN J. MARSH, JR., Chairman
EUGENE I. ROE
MARGARET DROBAT
E. C. MASTEN, Ex Officio

Amherst Town Library

Trustees' Report

The Amherst Town Library is now open 41½ hours a week, which not only meets the demands of its patrons, but the State Library recommendations of a town the size of Amherst.

We have acquired 537 new patrons this year, we have also added four new stacks and rearranged all the adult non-fiction material.

The Book Selection Committee — Betty Watson, Lucy Ramsay, Betty Lyle, have met every month this year to purchase books for the collection. These are now purchased through a book-buying co-op with surrounding towns at a cost benefit to the tax-payer. The committee spends many hours during the month reading source material such as; Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, etc., in order to make the best choices possible.

We have joined "Aesop", this is also a co-op, for acquiring a comprehensive collection of audio-visual material for pre-school and primary children. This was made possible through a Federal grant awarded by the New Hampshire State Library Commission.

The Friends of the Library have continued to give many hours of service to benefit the library. They have worked hard to decorate, raise money, bring in special exhibits and collections, book mending, book discussions, and the story hour for children. Their time, enthusiasm, and many gifts are greatly appreciated by the staff and the Board of Trustees.

The Friends of the Library are: Edith Martini, chairman; Norma Specker, secretary; Carol Ritchie, treasurer; Barbara Berlack, membership; Joan Sundeen, displays; Evelyn Dudley, art; Wally Alberts, book discussion; Margaret Gray, book mending; Nancy Logan, flowers; Jean Pituck, publicity; Manny Houston and Helen Cook, story hour.

Our staff; Head Librarian, Betty Watson, the Assistant

Librarians, Cele Clough, Marian Williston, Sally Suomala, and Jody Allen, we feel do an excellent job of conveying the friendly feeling of the library. They all have a keen interest in the service of the library, and of the requests from the patrons. Our three regular pages, Heidi Seeling, Heather Stevens, Kathy Greaney, and our volunteer page, Sue Berlack, also serve the library well. Members of the staff also continue to take library extension courses when possible, to add to their library techniques, and skills. In addition to the loaning of books, art, and records, we have added jig-saw puzzles.

The Board of Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition to these meetings they also attend State Library meetings, special workshops, and District meetings.

We wish to thank all those in the town who have given gifts to the library this year, and in years past. We are most grateful and appreciative of your support of the Amherst Library.

Board of Trustees;

ELIZABETH LYLE

ANN KEEFE

LUCY RAMSAY

MARGARET GRAY

JOHN MANNING

E. DANIEL JOHNSON

Amherst Town Library
Librarian's Report
January 6, 1975

Circulation statistics for 1974 are as follows:

Adult Fiction	17,985
Adult Non-Fiction	11,242
Juvenile	19,003
Magazines	5,137
Art Prints	51
Puzzles	10
Records	3,641
Inter-Library Loans	543
Loans to non-residents using the State-wide Library Card	749
Films	78
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Grand Total	58,439

This total reflects an increase in circulation of 5,755 over 1973. 537 new patrons were registered in 1974.

During 1974, we added 1,311 books, exclusive of paper backs, to our collection. This figure includes books the library purchased and books given to the library by the people of Amherst, to whom we extend our deep thanks. We discarded 576 worn-out or out-dated books. Our total collection now stands as follows:

Adult Books	10,027
Juvenile Books	4,284
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Total Collection	14,311

Although our total number of volumes in the library continues to grow — 735 more this year than at the end of 1973 — our rate of growth is steadily dropping due to the tremendous increase in the cost of books. At the same time, our circulation and number of new patrons continues to increase.

We have added two new titles to our magazine collection, namely "Backpacker" and "New Englander," and have discontinued 3 periodicals which seemed to have little appeal to our library users. We now subscribe to 55 magazines and receive as gifts 28 more titles, for a total of 83 magazines.

Our record collection consists of 76 records for children and 433 for adults — a total of 509.

The Johnson Meeting Room was used for 202 meetings and workshops, including 126 meetings by various town organizations, 53 more than last year.

Ninety-five children completed the required number of books in the Summer Reading Program and were entertained at a film show in the Johnson Room. 800 books were read and reported on by this enthusiastic group of young readers, with volunteers helping the library staff record the children's titles and listen to their reports.

Hours open were increased in 1974 to 41½ hours per week by adding Wednesday evening to the open schedule and extending the closing time to 9 P.M. A new member, Mrs. George Allen, was added to our regular staff.

Our deep thanks is extended to the Friends of the Library for their many, many contributions of time, services and financial gifts and to the Board of Library Trustees who continue to direct and support our efforts to furnish good library service to the residents of Amherst.

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY S. WATSON, Librarian

Amberst Town Library

Treasurer's Report

January 3, 1974 to January 3, 1975

INCOME

General Fund Balance Jan. 3, 1974	\$ 525 93
From Town Trust Fund	1,007 92
Gift	10 00
Town Appropriation	25,110 00
Gifts for Books	93 63
Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund	32 75
Fines Account Balance Jan. 3, 1974	1,475 52
Fines Collected in 1974	2,094 31
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Total Income	\$30,350 06
Less Expenses as below	30,137 16
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Cash Balance Jan. 3, 1975	\$ 212 90

EXPENSES and 1975 BUDGET

	1974	1975 Budget
Librarians' Salaries	\$17,040 75	\$19,920 00
Custodian	1,200 00	1,560 00
Books:		
Town Approp.	\$3,200 00	5,200 00
Gifts	93 63	
Warren Fund	32 75	
Fines Acct.	3,569 83	
Gen. Fund	582 57	
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	7,467 78	
Records	250 02	250 00
Magazines	422 55	450 00
Supplies, Bindings	781 22	900 00
Bldg. & Grnds.	525 86	800 00
Phone	315 63	375 00

Lights	867 98	1,224 00
Heat	876 39	1,240 00
Miscellaneous	388 98	300 00

	\$30,137 16	\$32,219 00
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Appropriation Request:

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1975	\$ 212 90
Expected from Town Trust Fund	950 00
Town Appropriation Requested	31,056 10

\$32,219 00

Funds in Manchester Bank:

Gifts, Anna H. Mosher Boardman	\$ 800 00
Gift, Honora Spalding	500 00
Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial	130 02
Laura E. & James F. Wanless Memorial	690 67

\$ 2,120 69

Town Trust Officers hold for Library:

99 Shares MIT Stock, Sam and Alys Warren Book Fund
667 Shares AVCO Stock, donated by Anna Boardman

Capital Account (never budgeted):

Receipts:

Insurance for stolen record player	\$ 258 95
Friends of Library towards catalog file	600 00
Accumulated dividends, Manchester Bank	1,170 54
Gift, Mrs. Roger Clemons	100 00
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	\$ 2,129 49

Expenditures:

New record player	\$ 175 00
Typewriter and chair	269 00
Card catalog cabinet	1,004 00
5 new bookcases	665 49
Desk fan	16 00

\$ 2,129 49

Account closed.

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer, Trustees

Auditors' Report

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE

Report of Town Audit

TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1974

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance.

Available Funds, January 1, 1974	\$14,549 12
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Add Revenue:

Entitlement Payments	\$19,871 00
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Interest	851 98
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Total Available Funds	\$35,272 10
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Less Expenditures:

Capital Expenditures:

Multipurpose and General

Government	\$12,000 00
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Environmental Conservation	6,450 61
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Total Capital Expenditures	----- \$18,450 61
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Total Expenditures	\$18,450 61
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Available Cash — December 31, 1974	16,821 49
Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized) December 31, 1974	
Capital Outlay:	
Environmental Conservation	\$5,910 14
Public Safety	4,000 00
Total Capital Encumbrances	----- \$ 9,910 14
Total Encumbrances	\$ 9,910 14
Available Unobligated Funds — December 31, 1974	\$ 6,911 35

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the year ended December 31, 1974.

STEPHEN NOBLE
ORSON H. BRAGDON
Auditors, Town of Amherst, N. H.
February 3, 1975

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment held 14 meetings during 1974. Fifteen applications were submitted: 7 Special Exceptions, 4 Variances, 3 appeals from Administrative Decisions and 1 Temporary Use Permit. One application was withdrawn before being heard. The disposition of the fourteen applications was as follows:

Special Exceptions:

3 Granted

4 Denied

Variances:

2 Granted

2 Denied

Appeals from an Administrative Decision:

2 Denied

Temporary Use Permit:

1 Pending

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

RUSSELL T. STEEVES, JR., Chmn.

C. THOMAS CARSON, V. Chmn.

ARNOLD C. DICKINSON, Sec'y.

ROGER M. BROWN

BEVERLY EGER

Zoning Administrator's Report

1974

Amherst has felt the effects of the general economic slowdown during 1974, with the dollar volume of construction dropping to \$4,067,273 from its 1973 high of \$9,281,970. This slowdown is being taken advantage of by the institution of a total review and updating program of all aspects of the Zoning Administrator position.

This includes working with the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and various other groups to provide several Zoning Ordinance amendment proposals for the 1975 town meeting, and several revision proposals to the Subdivision Regulations, Water Pollution Control Regulations, and the Building Code.

The record keeping system is being completely revised to simplify it and to provide better access to information. A review program has been created to analyze septic system failures through the cooperative efforts of myself, the Soil Conservation Service from Milford, and the State Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission. This effort is expected to provide one of the more important ways of updating our regulations on a continuing basis to reduce septic failures.

Although several of these programs will be completed early in 1975, many of them will be ongoing efforts to continually update ourselves and our regulations to provide the best service to the townspeople as is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BARTON, Zoning Administrator

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Permit Type	1974			1973			1972		
	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value	
New Dwellings	65	3,063,810	155	6,113,000	117	3,935,600			
Public Build.	0	—	1	1,612,000	0	—			
Comm. & Ind.	9	509,500	11	1,134,000	8	227,540			
Add. & Alt.	82	288,404	77	312,250	80	250,649			
Gar. & Barns	26	109,650	29	58,900	20	49,000			
Utility Build.	6	2,289	16	7,265	10	8,175			
Fences	20	5,950	10	2,230	0	—			
Pools	19	57,985	12	39,600	13	42,600			
Signs	13	3,260	21	1,650	7	900			
Home Occupations	6	—	18	—	7	—			
Earth Removal	3	3,000							
Septic Repairs	18	23,425	29	1,075	7	—			
Totals	267	\$4,067,273	379	\$9,281,970	269	\$4,514,464			
Income		\$10,253.90		\$5,928.46		—			
Expenses		\$10,839.18		\$8,964.86		—			
1974:			Inspections	Violations					
Building			598	39					
Septic & Test Pits			266	20					
Zoning			87	33					
Totals			951	88					

A total of 19 meetings with the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, etc., were attended during the course of the year.

Planning Board

The Town's support of the Planning Board's article for funds to continue the implementation of a Master Plan was greatly appreciated and brought renewed energy and interest in planning for Amherst.

Beginning in May, some sixty residents were asked to join a Sounding Board to help define the planning goals of our town. This group meets each month to define, solve and implement these planning directions.

Some of the short term goals are presented to the Town. Through articles in the 1975 Town Warrant, further aims of the Sounding Board will be accomplished by additions to the sub-division regulations. The Articles include clarification of wetlands, tighter controls of earth material removal, broader control of commercial sites, increase in acreage requirements in the commercial and industrial districts through use of the subdivision regulations. We plan to limit building on steep slopes and require landscaping of non-residential site development.

R. F. JACKSON, Chairman
C. HOOD, Vice-chairman
R. W. CROUTER, Secretary
R. BACON
E. G. PULLAR
E. MASTEN, ex-officio

Amberst Conservation Commission

Activity was the name of the game for your conservation commission in 1974.

One area in which the commission became increasingly involved was that of dredge-and-fill and wetlands. We spent countless hours inspecting land for which applications had been made either to dredge out earth or to fill it in, and then reporting our findings to the state's Special Board (our role here is purely advisory). We spent countless hours investigating possible wetland violations, and in some cases gained the cooperation of the landowners in correcting them. Much of our work here must of necessity be educational. A householder does not always realize that the "unsightly" swamp next to him is a reservoir that is a built-in insurance policy against his well going dry. Members of the commission — as private citizens — are on the Sounding Board of the Planning Board, working especially on the improvement of the town's wetlands ordinance.

With the unanimous approval of the 1974 Town Meeting, your commission added some 117 acres to the Joe English Reservation, bringing the total size of the conservation area at the north end of Brook Road to over 200 acres. One winter activity has been scouting Joe English West (the addition) with the aim of laying out trails for crosscountry skiing and horseback riding as well as hiking. The trails in Joe English East were color-coded, and the bridge at the foot of the beaver pond replaced, this with the aid of friends of conservation. We're holding off on new maps, by the way, until the trail work in Joe English West is finished.

We spent countless hours on surveying assistance and legal work with both Joe English West and the Carlsmith easement land. The tag end of the year saw the completion of the conservation easement granted to the commission and to the town by the Allen Carlsmiths of New Boston Road. Their desire to give permanent protection to the brook that

flows through their property on its way to the Great Meadow was accomplished by their giving up building and other rights to the 17 acres of land through which about 2700 feet of that brook flows. The commission views this easement as a landmark achievement and hopes that it will encourage other Amherst residents to secure similar protection to environmentally valuable parts of their own land. Members of the commission would be glad to talk with any interested persons.

In closing, we wish again to note our sorrow at the death of Roland K. Fraser, a valiant conservationist and a good friend.

ALICE E. ARNOLD, Co-chairman
CHARLES L. BACON, Co-chairman
JOHN R. MONSON
RAYMOND R. MORIN
E. GORDON PULLAR
WALLACE F. WARREN

In Memoriam

Roland K. Fraser

Member of the Conservation Commission

1973 - 1974

Amberst Historic District Commission

ANNUAL REPORT — 1974

The Historic District Commission received a total of 12 permits during the year 1974. The permit applications were as follows:

- 1 reconstruction of structure destroyed by fire
- 1 sign and home occupation within existing building
- 4 exterior renovations
- 2 additions to present structures
- 3 fences
- 1 accessory building to be used for a garage

We have discussed many permits by phone, but a special meeting has been called when necessary. We have complied with the calling of regular meetings which are four times per year. We have discussed at great length a change to be requested in the 1975 Town Warrant re: Home Occupation. Our Chairman has met with Town Counsel and the Planning Board to discuss that matter. All records and minutes of the Commission are kept at the Town Hall and are available for inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSAMOND E. BUCHANAN, Chairman

Amherst Recreation Commission

The Amherst Recreation Commission has again completed a most productive year. The winter months began with approximately 140 boys participating in the Biddy League Basketball Program. This was the first year that an organized girls basketball program was formed, with some 20 girls playing under the direction of Carl Wheeler.

Men's basketball and Women's volleyball were still very popular, and became increasingly so this Fall with the excellent gym facilities available at the new Middle School.

Spring saw some 300 boys participate in the Junior Baseball Program. Due to the high number of registrations, the league was further expanded to accommodate the aspirants. Over 100 girls played softball twice per week. For the first time, an All-Star team was formed and played two games with Hollis. The Commission hopes to expand the schedule of the team to include other neighboring towns. A special thanks to the coaches of both programs for their help in making the baseball program so successful.

Tennis, again, was very popular this summer, with 185 adults and children taking lessons during the two periods which were offered. A summer tennis league was set up for 18 year olds and under, with Hollis, Milford and Peterborough. Meets were held in these towns from the end of June through mid August.

This year saw the formation of the Amherst Patriots Organization, formed by a group of interested citizens to promote football in the town, under the Pop Warner Program. Some 100 boys and girls participated in the program in the form of tackle football, flag football and cheerleading. The Commission sincerely appreciates the efforts of the APO for filling an important void in our program.

Soccer was held at the Wilkins School under the direction of Pete Houston. Some 50 boys and girls registered and played during July and August.

Summer ushered in a successful season at Baboosic Lake.

The Park opened on June 24th and closed on September 2nd, with over 1,300 registrations for use of the facilities. Swim lessons were provided for 150 children as well as an extensive Arts and Crafts Program. The Family Steak Cook-Out, in its third year, proved again, to be a popular event.

Mr. Richard Tappley, Director of Recreation for the State of New Hampshire was kind enough to conduct a survey and offered ideas as to how programs can be expanded at the lake. His comments also included that the average per capita cost for recreation in the State is \$12.60, while Amherst's is approximately \$1.35.

The Recreation Commission extends many thanks to all the people who have given of their time and support to the programs presented. Particular thanks go to the School Officials for allowing the use of school facilities for Recreational purposes.

PETER D. GEORGE, Chairman
SUE BLAKEMAN
CLARK STEWART
BARBARA HALL
BRUCE FRASER

Department of Civil Preparedness

Report for 1974

The following is a summary of the Amherst Civil Preparedness Department activities for 1974:

Amherst Rescue Squad

Chief: Roy E. Maston

Captain: Richard Wagner

Lieutenant: William Alger

Lieutenant: Camille Brams

The Amherst Rescue Squad completed its second full year of service in October of 1974. There are presently 30 members on the squad, all of whom are licensed ambulance attendants. Among the members are 18 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT course is 81 hours, including 10 hours of hospital training), 27 Advanced Red Cross First Aid card holders, 2 nurses, 3 EMT instructors, and 1 CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, certified by the Heart Association) instructor. All members are volunteers, and there is no charge for the service of the Amherst Rescue Squad to any person receiving care. The squad is supported by town funds and donations.

The Squad responded to 124 emergencies in 1974 as follows:

- 37 highway accidents
- 31 home accidents
- 40 home illnesses
- 10 fires
- 7 miscellaneous
- 28 transports to hospital
- 3 calls out of town
- 125 total number of people assisted

After July 1, 1974 the Amherst Rescue Squad has responded to all requests for an ambulance, at the request of the Selectmen. On that date, the private ambulance service which services Amherst moved their vehicles from head-

quarters in Milford back to a location in Nashua. If the responding ARS personnel feel the patient can wait the 20 or so minutes for the private ambulance to arrive from Nashua, ARS does not transport. When, however, the patient needs immediate transportation, the Rescue Truck serves as an ambulance. The Rescue Truck is licensed as an ambulance by the State of New Hampshire.

Through donations and grants, the Amherst Rescue Squad has raised over \$4,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing equipment during 1974. Several town organizations have purchased equipment for the vehicle. The squad is grateful to these organizations for their interest and support.

Training sessions were held by squad members during the summer for life guards and life saving classes at the Amherst Swim Club and at Baboosic Lake. These sessions included techniques of water rescue, artificial resuscitation, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, with the use of the manniken, Ressusi-Annie.

Members of the squad volunteered their time to stand by at various town events. These included the Fourth of July field day, Amherst Patriot home football games, and a 4-H horse show.

There is now interest in starting a first aid program in the schools, as well as for the townspeople. It is felt that a first aid program should be available to all interested persons. The squad invites any organization or group of people interested in such a program to contact any officer of the squad.

To request an ambulance or the service of the rescue squad, call 673-1414, give the name and address, the location, and what type of emergency. When possible have someone wait in front of the house to identify the location for the emergency vehicle.

Civil Preparedness Office

Due to the efficiency of Harding Sortevik, Deputy Director of Civil Preparedness, the town of Amherst now has an

emergency operations plan. The purpose of this plan is to prepare the town for a major catastrophe, by organizing and coordinating all the town's resources. Warren Clark of the University of New Hampshire's Center for Emergency Planning, spent much time in the town, as the plan was being prepared. I would like to thank the following people for their time and work in preparing this plan: Harding Sortevik, the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief M. Strickland, Police Chief J. Tinker, Jr., V. Townsend, Dr. J. Starke, P. Collins, R. Crocker, D. Young, M. Marsh, and Rev. J. Ward. These people will continue working during 1975 to further develop the plan by training, coordinating between departments, setting up an emergency operations center, and conducting a simulated training exercise.

ROY E. MASTON, Director, Civil Preparedness

Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee

Amherst's colonial heritage and influence is felt daily as we go past the Village Green and down Main Street. With our country's 200th Birthday Celebration coming next year, this heritage and influence will be emphasized and heightened in the next four years.

New Hampshire's celebrations have and will include emphasis on Fort William and Mary (1974), NH men at Bunker Hill (1975), the First Constitution in the Country (1976), and the Battle of Bennington (1977).

Amherst's American Revolution Bicentennial Committee (AARBC) met in March of 1974 to begin plans for participation in the coming years. Representatives from clubs, churches, service organizations, and other town groups were invited to assist.

Within the three areas of activities Amherst has begun its program — — —

HERITAGE Restoration of the Town Burial Ground was done by high school students, members of the Lions Club, and the Amherst Highway Department. An additional wreath laying on the Revolutionary War grave of General Moses Nichols on Memorial Day is to be continued in succeeding years. The Amherst Historical Society is having the Concord Coach restored; it traveled in Amherst in the 1800's.

FESTIVAL The Red Cross and American Field Service has incorporated arts and crafts in their Art Show held every spring throughout the Bicentennial Years. The AARBC is sponsoring a float and surprises on the Fourth of July.

HORIZON The Amherst School Board will be incorporating appropriated information on the celebration into the school curriculum. A New Hampshire State flag was purchased for the new Middle School by the AARBC. Town planning groups will be developing programs for the preservation of our heritage and values.

Many activities fit into all categories: the wreath laying,

the coach restoration; a House Tour; a walking tour of the Village area .

Bicentennial activities are not, by any means restricted to programs planned by the AARBC, but rather any group of citizens and their contributions to the Bicentennial Commemoration.

The Town of Amherst has been honored to have been selected an official American BiCentennial Community by National Bi-Centennial Committee. Amherst qualified because of its programs and the interest of her citizens as noted above.

JOSEPH RYAN, Chairman

Nashua Mental Health Association

The following statistics are concerned with the patients from Amherst who were admitted during the year 1974. The total of new cases was 17.

The average Amherst client was charged \$13.25 per visit with an average of 6.6 visits before termination. The Community Council operating cost per treatment hour for this period is \$27.98, leaving \$14.73 per visit to be raised by sources other than patient fees.

The major source of funding for the Clinic is the State of New Hampshire, which is a matching grant, based on the formula of two State dollars for every local dollar raised.

During 1974 a total of 17 new patients from Amherst were seen at the Community Council, approximately 1 2/3% of the total new caseload for the year. A total of 112.2 patient hours were spent with Amherst patients, at a cost of \$1,652.70, based on the \$14.73 per patient. An allotment based on 1.6% of the Community Council budget after State grant-in-aid would come to \$3,200.

The above statistics show that Amherst Clients have been and still utilize the service the Community Council offers. Benefits to Amherst clients were also reflected in the statistics for this period. Of the 21 cases closed, 14 showed definite improvement of presenting problems, a success rate of 66.7%.

Souhegan Nursing Association

The Souhegan Community Nursing Association located on North River Road in Milford is one of the 40 home health agencies in New Hampshire. This agency serves, under Doctors' orders, all residents of Amherst, Milford and Mont Vernon regardless of age or socio-economic status.

During 1974, 626 nursing visits were made to 77 different patients from Amherst and 12 residents received Physical Therapy 153 times, either at their homes or at the nursing association's facility.

A well child clinic is held monthly and there have been health screening programs.

Equipment such as hospital beds, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and canes are loaned without charge.

JOAN WATERHOUSE, Director

Amherst Town Government Study Committee Report

INTRODUCTION

At the Town Meeting in March 1974, the following motion was presented by the Ways and Means Committee:

“Resolved, that the 1974 Town Meeting direct the moderator to appoint a committee of five persons to study alternatives to the present organization of the Selectmens’ responsibilities including a five man board; an administrative assistant and a town manager, and to prepare recommendations to be included in the 1975 Town Warrant.”

In July the Town Government Study Committee began an analysis of Amherst’s town government, with an in-depth study of the existing form of government, what types of government are available under enabling legislation, and what other towns similar to Amherst have for a government organization. The Committee has spent over 200 man hours on this project. This report summarizes the plan of action and resulting recommendations.

PLAN OF ACTION

In order to effectively pursue this study, the Committee sought to establish a practical approach to accomplish its mission. The approach agreed upon, and exercised by the Committee, was as follows:

1. Study Amherst’s current form of government to determine its strengths and weaknesses. The procedure used was to interview the selectmen and other officials, department heads, committee and commission chair persons. A predetermined set of questions was used in order to arrive at consistent trends and patterns.

2. Since town governments are a political subdivision of the state government, we had to study and understand the

enabling legislation providing for different forms of town government.

3. An abundance of resource material was gathered from a number of sources, including the state, other towns, other study committees, associations, and the League of Women Voters. All of this material had to be collated and evaluated to understand how it may apply to the Town of Amherst.

4. In order to study other towns in the State of New Hampshire with varying forms of town government different from that of Amherst, we conducted personal interviews with town officials in such towns as Derry, Merrimack, and others. In addition, town government study committee reports from other towns in the State of New Hampshire were read to extract applicable information.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The Committee determined that the following were viable alternatives available to the Town of Amherst:

- 3-man Board of Selectmen (Current form).
- 5-man Board of Selectmen.
- 3-man Board of Selectmen with Administrative Assistant.
- 3-man Board of Selectmen with Town Manager.
- 5-man Board of Selectmen with Administrative Assistant.
- 5-man Board of Selectmen with Town Manager.
- Council Manager form of Government (by special charter).

The Committee found pros and cons to each of the alternatives, and after studying each and relating it to the type of town Amherst is, we recommend the following.....

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Town Government Study Committee unanimously recommends that the Town of Amherst adopt the provisions of New Hampshire revised statutes, Annotated Chapter 41:8, thereby increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members.

Should the town so vote, the increase would not take effect until the first annual town meeting following the meeting at which the question was acted upon. Implementation would be effected by electing 2 members for a 3-year term and one member for a 1-year term at the first annual meeting following the meeting when the action was taken, two members for a 3-year term at the next annual meeting, and one member for a 3-year term at the next following annual meeting.

The advantages and reasoning for a 5-member Board of Selectmen are as follows:

1. A 5-member Board, over a 3-member Board, would tend to have a stabilizing effect on the key governing body of the Town. The Board of Selectmen constitute the executive branch and policy makers of the Town, and through enabling legislation, have a great deal of authority. The Committee feels with 5 members on the Board, we could prevent radical swings in the temperament of the Board members which may take place in one election year. We feel this would provide us with more stable and consistent planning and administration of our Town.

2. With a 5-member Board of Selectmen, the Town could encourage more candidates for the office of Selectman. The Committee suggests that many more people would be encouraged to run for the office of Selectman because of improved work load distribution.

3. By having a 5-member Board, the Town could encourage a broader base of skills and interests in its Board of Selectmen. Certainly a 5-member Board could offer a broader background of skills and interests than a 3-member Board could.

4. As the growth potential of Amherst is realized, the Committee feels the increased work load could be borne more effectively with a 5-man Board of Selectmen.

5. With a 5-member Board, a system of planning could be established by assigning each of the 5 Selectmen to a

major area of the town government. For example, a Selectman could specialize with the Highway Department or some other department or commission, attend all the meetings, become the specialist on the Board for that particular area. This would be particularly helpful in the area of town planning which this Committee found to be nearly non-existent in the Town of Amherst. Planning for the future in a growing town such as Amherst must be an extremely important function, in order to prevent the pitfalls so many towns have stumbled into. This Committee feels that the function of planning is an important responsibility of the Board of Selectmen, and by having a 5-member Board, this important function could be carried out more efficiently.

The Committee further recommends that a 5-member Board of Selectmen be supplemented by a full-time Administrative Assistant, same to be appointed by the Board. Your Committee feels strongly that the combination of a 5-member Board and an Administrative Assistant could substantially increase stabilization and responsiveness of town government.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Town at its current and projected population levels should have a full-time Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. The prime advantages to having an Administrative Assistant are that of having a full-time administrator, carrying out the day-to-day duties that are important in the efficient flow and operation of any town government. In studying our existing town government, we felt its two greatest weaknesses were planning and communication. A full-time administrator would be a tremendous help in the area of communication. The suggested duties and responsibilities of an Administrative Assistant are as follows:

1. Perform an efficient flow of communication between the Board of Selectmen, Town department heads, commissions and committees. He would attend meetings with the various department heads and committees, providing information from and to the Board of Selectmen.

2. Assist the Selectmen in the preparation of the Town budget and maintain the control and operation of the Town budget throughout the year.

3. Act as Town personnel manager, preparing and keeping up-to-date job descriptions, pay scales, benefits and a general coordination of all Town employee personnel records.

4. Coordinate all Town purchases and assist in preparing the bidding format.

5. Keep an up-to-date list of Town volunteers for committees and commissions and, through the Selectmen, publish vacancies on the various committees and commissions to be filled by the Selectmen.

6. Coordinate public relations within the Town and complaint referrals on a day-to-day basis and see that such information is presented to the Selectmen at their meetings.

7. Act as office manager to supervise Town office employees and be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of Town buildings such as the Town hall, brick school, etc.

8. Perform such other general administrative tasks under the direction of the Selectmen. Coordinate and seek out available federal and state aid and funding and apply for such funds when they are in the best interests of the Town.

CONCLUSIONS

We respectfully recommend that a Town Government Study Committee be constituted as a standing committee and charged with the responsibility of pursuing a continuing study of the various facets of our town government. Appropriate recommendations would be made to the Town for further modifications of its government in order to provide efficient, responsive town government which is the key to the success of the Town of Amherst as a good place to live.

The Town Government Study Committee has received excellent cooperation and assistance from many sources throughout its study. The cooperation from the Board of Selectmen, department heads, and committee chairmen in the Town of Amherst has been excellent. We extend our gratitude to the officials in such towns as Merrimack, Derry, and others for their superb assistance and cooperation. The Milford Area League of Women Voters made available to the Committee mountains of resource materials and data which they have gathered from many sources throughout the State. Their spirit of cooperation with our Committee was most helpful and we extend our sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

MEMBERS:

DANA POWERS, Chairman

BETSY SEARLE

JOE HINES

MIMI MOULTON

AL SIMENSEN

December 2, 1974

Selectmen's Narrative

1974 has been a year of some accomplishment and some disappointments.

Among the latter was the reappraisal of the Town by United Appraisal Co. This was supposed to have been completed by June 15th of 1974. We are still awaiting some of the final appraisal cards — the originals of which were lost in the mail.

This notwithstanding we were unable to send out notices of value until September 19th and tax bills were mailed November 5. This seriously affected the cash value and, more importantly, resulted in tax bills going out at a most inopportune time to the property owners. Hopefully, the 1975 bills should be in the mail by late summer.

In the meantime there are ongoing negotiations between ourselves and United Appraisal to determine what our damages have been because of the delay and what form of reimbursement we are to receive.

To determine the impact the reappraisal had on each property, one need only to multiply 1973's assessed value by \$56 and compare the result with 1974's tax bill.

Many property owners who are eligible took advantage of Land Use Exemption. However, many neglected to file. There's no doubt that all of these people will file from this time forward. The result will be a further lowering of our tax base.

Neither will we be receiving any more income from the School District. During the past couple of years they purchased CD's on the unexpended funds for the Middle School, now that the School is completed there no longer are such funds.

This, in addition to the diminution in the base, as discussed above, will result, in our opinion, in an increase of about \$3 in 1975's tax rate without any additional expenditure by the Town, School District or County.

It is further estimated that for every \$90,000 of increased expenditures, the tax rate will rise \$1.00.

Many property owners had hearings with both United Appraisal and the Selectmen concerning their assessments. It's interesting to note that the majority of these people admitted to taking no part in either the Town or School meetings. This is the source of your taxes. New Hampshire people should not now need be admonished of the importance of each vote.

On the plus side was the purchase of the Arnold and Van Vlaaderen land for the future Sanitary Land Fill off Route 101. We have had two extensions on open burning by the State and we must now stop burning as of July 1, 1975. Much credit is due Betty and Meric Arnold for their willingness to have such a facility in their front yard.

Equal credit must go to Joe Harrison, et als, for their work in putting the package together. A considerable amount of time by these people brought about our getting a good site.

As a result of the favorable action taken at the Special Town Meeting on November 5th, we are now part of a Regional Sanitary Land Fill District made up of Hollis, Mont Vernon, Brookline, and Amherst. Each of the other towns has one member on the Committee and we have two; that is, these people govern the facility with the Town leasing the property to the District.

Another difficult problem seems to be solved — albeit it will take a favorable action on the part of the Town at the Town Meeting in March. We became involved in an agreement with United Ambulance on a contract basis. At that time with several other towns included in United Ambulance's service area and at least one ambulance was located in Milford. When Milford set up its own volunteer service in September, we had to depend on an ambulance coming from Nashua.

In the meantime our Rescue Squad under the capable direction of Roy Maston and Harding Sortevik has grown

both in numbers and ability. They now provide round-the-clock back-up for United Ambulance. The squad is made up entirely of unpaid volunteers.

We are recommending to the Town the purchase of a fully equipped ambulance and following the lead of our friends in Milford and become completely independent. A mutual aid arrangement is in effect with Milford and if the problem involving legal liability exposures can be worked out, it is likely that we will provide service on a fee basis to Mont Vernon.

We will be able to purchase the ambulance completely equipped for \$21,437 and we have been paying United Ambulance over \$1,000 a month. Therefore, in approximately 22 months the ambulance will have paid for itself. Much time and effort went into all of the above in this office. In addition to the nitty-gritty of routine business, we were also able to complete our statutory responsibilities of perambulating the Town lines of Amherst, Hollis, and Merrimack. Without the help of former Selectman Allen Howard, we would probably still be in the woods. I suppose some people think we still are.

Note should be made of the retirement of a long-time dedicated employee, Roy Wheeler. After 25 years of service, he stepped down from his very responsible job as grader operator. We hope that he has many years of well earned retirement.

Sad to note is the passing of another long-time worker in many worthwhile projects of the Town. Active in so many things but most particularly, PTA plays, planning and conservation — these are just a few of Rollie Fraser's contributions to the Town. Rollie Fraser was more than a resident of the Town. He was a citizen. We shall miss him.

There are many serious questions facing the Town. More efficient operation of the Town is possible. It's no longer — sad to say — just a little town where volunteers can spend the time necessary to run the Town.

FRANCIS E. WHALAND, Chairman

Amherst Village District Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will open at 8:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in Hillsborough County in said State, qualified to vote in

DISTRICT AFFAIRS

You are notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday the 14th day of March next at 8:00 P.M. in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary officers (District Officers) for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray District charges for the ensuing year.
3. To see if the DISTRICT will give the Commissioners and District Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of District taxes.
4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 10th day of February 1975.

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE

EUGENE I. ROE

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of Amherst Village District

Amherst Village District

The Amherst Village District's primary responsibility is to reliably provide quality water service to its 230 subscribers and maintain fire hydrant service in the Village. This year on two occasions, three weeks apart, the service was jeopardized due to failure of the pump motor. A comprehensive investigation was undertaken by the commissioners to determine the cause of the failures. No specific cause for the first motor failure could be determined other than possible bearing failure after seven years of service. The second failure was attributed to improper motor control and overload protection equipment in conjunction with the loss of one phase of the three phase power when a falling limb disrupted a high voltage power line in the Village. During the repair a delay was encountered in obtaining a replacement motor and cooperation of the subscribers was enlisted to prevent depletion of the water in the 250,000 gallon storage tank. To prevent recurrence of this type of delay, a spare motor has been purchased and is stored at the pump-house. In addition, the following corrective action has been taken:

1. In conjunction with the pump motor manufacturer, Public Service Company, and several leading industrial motor control companies, a modern motor control and protective system including lost phase protection has been designed and installed.

2. The entire pumphouse wiring was reviewed and updated to be in compliance with the National Electrical code.

The District has also been afflicted with valve and piping problems that need attention, consequently the commissioners have met with the engineers who designed and supervised the original installation of the water system 25 years ago. They have outlined solutions to the problems and proposed adopting a scheduled preventative maintenance program to enhance the overall system reliability. This outlined

work is scheduled to be done as soon as the weather permits.

A very successful payment system was instituted this past year where many subscribers paid the first 3 quarterly water payments (\$22.50) at one time thereby saving postage, which helped to offset operating expenses. Although the District has been faced with increased costs as have all its subscribers, it should be noted that the cost of water has not changed in 25 years. Water like oil is a valuable natural resource— conserve it do not waste water.

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE, Chairman

EUGENE I. ROE

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

Amherst Village District
Balance Sheet

December 31, 1974

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,150 45	
Accounts Receivable, including Dec. 31 bills	10,375 25	
	-----	\$ 11,525 70
Water System	\$ 1,179 60	
Land for Buildings, Wells, Pumps and Mains	150,252 71	
	-----	151,432 31

		\$162,958 01

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$ 30,000 00	
Excess over Liabilities	132,958 01	
	-----	\$162,958 01

Amberst Village District

Budget

**Estimates of receipts and expenditures for coming year
January 1 to December 31, 1975**

**Estimates and actual receipts and expenditures of previous year
January 1 to December 31, 1974**

ACCOUNT	Estimated 1974	Received 1974	Estimated 1975
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 1,150.45	\$ 1,150.45	\$ 760.82
Capital Reserve, Jan. 1	8,309.12	8,309.12	3,568.78
Stock, Manchester Bank	500.00	500.00	500.00
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	\$ 9,959.57	\$ 9,959.57	\$ 4,829.60
Income Water Service			
Prior year 4th quarter	\$ 4,807.25	\$ 4,807.25	\$ 5,123.84
1st three quarters	5,568.00	5,247.46	5,400.00
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	\$10,375.25	\$10,054.71	\$10,523.84
Other Income, Misc.	\$	\$ 69.40	\$
Hydrant Rental	1,755.00	1,755.00	1,755.00
Precinct Tax	1,326.00	1,349.20	**6,859.91
Int. Stock	500.00	469.64	500.00
Water for Pools		400.00	
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	\$ 3,581.00	\$ 4,043.24	\$ 9,114.91
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Totals	\$23,915.82	\$24,057.52	\$24,468.35

EXPENDITURES

Bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	731.25	731.25	618.75
Supt. Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Asst. Supt. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Tax Collector	200.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk-Treas.	800.00	800.00	800.00
Auditors		20.00	20.00
Meters & Repairs	1,100.00	422.68	600.00
Electricity	2,300.00	2,292.28	3,000.00
Operating Supp. & Maint.	1,500.00	7,547.74	7,000.00
Office Supplies	350.00	245.99	400.00
Insurance	275.00	258.00	300.00
Cash on Hand	1,150.45	760.82	760.82
Stock	500.00	500.00	500.00
Bank Charge		9.98	
Cap. Reserve	8,309.12	3,568.78	3,568.78

Totals	\$23,915.82	\$24,057.52	\$24,468.35
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**To be raised by taxes 1975 assessed against property WITHIN THE VILLAGE DISTRICT.

Synopsis of Town Meeting

March 5, 1974

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School. Ballot clerks were Lillian and Hermon Anderson, Marion and Susan Sortevik, Elizabeth Wight, Margaret Wells, Cynthia Kennedy and Catherine Kruger. Assisting the voters were Roland Fraser, Allan Howard and John Manning. Moderator Wight, Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd, School Clerk Louise Ainsworth and Barbara Landry had charge of the voting. Selectmen Edward Masten, Frank Whaland were in attendance throughout the day. Supervisors of the checklist were Audrey Spalding, Rosemary Biddle and Robert Wishart.

Results of the election were as follows:

Selectman — Francis N. Perry
Town Clerk — Bernice Boothroyd
Tax Collector — Barbara H. Landry
Treasurer — Marion M. Sortevik
Road Agent — Richard G. Crocker
Trustee of Trust Funds — David Ramsay
Library Trustees — Margaret Gray, Lucy Ramsay
Board of Adjustment — Beverly F. Eger
Auditors — Orson Bragdon, Stephen Noble

Summary of Meeting:

Articles one thru five were voted by ballot during the day.

Article 1. Election of officers as stated above.

Article 2. Amendment A: To change area North of Merrimack Rd. and East of New Rt. 101 from Rural to Residential.

YES — 464 NO — 576

Amendment B: To require a two acre lot size in Residential and Rural areas and one and one-half acre lot size in Cluster Development.

YES — 864 NO — 194

Amendment C: Election of Board of Adjustment to conform with existing State Statutes.

YES — 542 NO — 460

Amendment D: Town Zoning Ordinance to conform with enabling legislation.

YES — 528 NO — 439

Amendment E: To make "Sold" Signs on property illegal.

YES — 651 NO — 377

Article 3. Homeowners Exemption:

YES — 358 NO — 687

Article 4. Town Manager Form of Government:

YES — 204 NO — 834

Article 5. Municipal Budget Law effective 1976 and if so Budget Committee to be elected at 1975 Town Meeting.

YES — 434

NO — 562

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$568,141.13 for town charges.

Article 7. Voted to give Selectmen and Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 8. Voted NOT to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,200.00 to construct an addition to the Town Highway Barn.

Article 10. Voted to accept Article 10 as amended. Deleting the words "in the amounts indicated in Articles 11 and 14."

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase a five ton Highway truck.

Article 12. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept from Federal Disaster Assistance Agency such aid as may be available for disaster relief.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to defray legal costs and purchase property as a site for Sanitary Landfill.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 to purchase a Police Cruiser.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to purchase land and erect a Fire Station in south Amherst in 1974.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$37,000 to purchase a Fire Truck to be delivered and paid for in fiscal 1975.

Article 17. Voted to accept a substitute motion made by the Selectmen to repair the Town Hall roof and electrical circuits on second floor.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to be expended by the Amherst Bicentennial Committee in 1974 and 1975 in amounts of \$300 each of said years.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for development of a Master Plan.

Article 20. (By petition) Voted to raise and appropriate \$40,000 on a substitute motion for purchase of land by the Conservation Commission.

Article 21. (By petition) Voted to raise and appropriate \$1500 on a substitute motion for Town Tennis Courts.

Articles 22, 23, 24 (By petition) Voted to pass over these articles.

Article 25. Voted to table this article.

Article 26. Voted to accept the following resolution by the Ways and Means Committee:

Resolved, that the 1974 Town Meeting direct the Moderator to

appoint a committee of five persons to study alternatives to the present organization of the Selectmen's responsibilities including a five man board, an administrative assistant, and a town manager, and to prepare recommendations to be included on the warrant of the 1975 Town Meeting.

Also accepted as a resolution were Articles 22, 23 and 24 to be taken as a census of the meeting.

Herbert Harding was given a hearty round of applause for his work on the Conservation Commission.

Eric Hare was recognized for the years he served as School Board Member, 1965-1974.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

Synopsis of Special Town Meeting September 6, 1974

WILKINS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 8:23 p.m. by Moderator Wight. Present were Selectmen Frank E. Whaland, Edward G. Masten, Francis M. Perry. Approximately 35 were in attendance. Voters were checked in by the Supervisors of Checklist, Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart, and Rosemary Biddle.

The article presented was:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a conveyance of a tract of land consisting of 2.03 acres or 88,280 square feet, said tract of land being shown as Lot No. 127-3 on a plan of land entitled, "Subdivision Plan of Land Stearns Road, Amherst, N. H. surveyed for the Town of Amherst Scale 1" = 50' May 1974 W. Robert Nolte & Associates Land Surveyors, Nashua, N. H." which land shall be utilized for the construction of a fire station as authorized previously at the Town Meeting of March, 1974 by the action taken at said meeting pertaining to Article 15, said conveyance to be made by the present owners of said land pursuant to the provisions of an agreement entered into between said owners, the Town of Amherst, and the Amherst School District.

Moved and seconded article be adopted as read.

After a short discussion a voice vote was taken. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk
Sept. 9, 1974

Synopsis of Special Town Meeting

November 5, 1974

WILKINS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Moderator Wight. Mr. Wight read a passage from the Bible followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Selectmen Francis Whaland, Edward Masten and Francis Perry, and Town Counsel William Drescher. Approx. 100 persons were in attendance.

Article 1. Balloting was taken during the day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

YES — 1485

NO — 413

Shall the Town of Amherst accept the provisions of Section 1-10 incl. of Chapter 53B of the Revised Statutes Annotated providing for the establishment of a Regional Refuse Disposal District together with the Towns of Hollis, Brookline and Mont Vernon and the construction and maintenance of a Regional Refuse Disposal Facility by said district in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

Article 2. To see if in the event that the article providing for the establishment of a Regional Refuse Disposal District should fail to pass for any reason, the Town will alternatively vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for the purchase of a bulldozer, building of a garage to house equipment and to obtain such other materials and/or labor as may be necessary to commence the operation of the recently acquired Sanitary Land Fill Site, or take action relative thereto.

No action taken. (Not permitted by the Superior Court.)

Article 3. To purchase and equip an ambulance for the use of the Rescue Squad for the sum of \$25,000.

No action taken. (Not permitted by the Superior Court.)

Article 4. Voted to become a certified Bicentennial Community.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to act as a franchising authority, with respect to the franchise and regulation of Cable Television Systems.

Article 6. Voted to approve the action of the Board of Selectmen to provide indemnification for Town Officers and Town Police for personal loss or expense including reasonable legal fees and costs if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person

or accidental damage to property providing the indemnified person was at the time of the accident within the scope of his employment or office.

Article 7. Voted to discontinue the mailing of Town Reports.

Article 8. Voted to designate the Nashua Regional Planning Commission as the agency responsible for co-ordinating region-wide planning for water quality (well water supplies and surface waters), and to participate in the co-ordinated planning and its implementation. This water quality management planning as required by Section 208 of the Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 is a first step towards ensuring the quality of regional water resources both in the town and in the region.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk
Nov. 7, 1974

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst For the Year Ending December 31, 1974

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
1973		
May 4, Milford	Robert Wilfred Lorette, Jr. Deborah Ellen Browning	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
May 15, Worcester, Mass.	Theodore E. Boardman Anna H. Mosher	Rev. Wallace W. Robbins
Dec. 9, Mount Vernon	David Arthur Munro Debra Jane Hall	David E. Svenson Justice of the Peace
Dec. 13, Lyndeborough	John Robinson Brougham Sandra Jean Hall	David E. Svenson Justice of the Peace
Dec. 15, Milford	Michael Tracy Salisbury Martha Jane Reece	Rev. William B. Wylie
Dec. 21, Dublin	Lloyd Malcom Wiley Glorylyn Carol Sandford	Rev. V. P. Abram
Dec. 28, Milford	Richard Roland Cloutier Gwendolyn Louise Hughes	Rev. Glen C. Bachelder
1974		
Jan. 15, Sanbornville	Robert Harry Nilson, Jr. Debora Anne Morrison	Rev. G. E. Auger
Feb. 11, Milford	Kenneth Lane Munson Nancy Jane Coleman	Edna M. Bianchi Justice of the Peace
Apr. 2, Nashua	Alan R. Connors Deborah M. Gilliam	Alphonse J. Raudonis Justice of the Peace
Apr. 13, Andover, Ma.	Robert T. O'Keefe Judith G. Anderson	Rev. Gustaf H. Steinhilber
Apr. 15, Amherst	Leon Robert Dudley Vieno Wiljanen	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 20, Dunbarton	Stuart Melvin Readio, Jr. Kathleen Powell Vinsel	John F. Richford Justice of the Peace
Apr. 20, Manchester	Robert Paul Lacombe Sheila Ann McTague	Rev. Herbert Smith OSB
Apr. 27, Milford	Douglas Paul Smith Debra Ann True	Rev. Glen C. Bachelder
May 3, Merrimack	Keith David Lavallee Lynn Ann Buker	Rev. Bruce E. Gordon
May 4, Auburn	Christopher Carl Doane Diane Helen Mathieu	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford
May 10, Nashua	Reginald Leo Roux Marie Coleman Caouette	Leo Mower Justice of the Peace
May 25, So. Merrimack	Maynard P. Hill, Jr. Nellie B. Weatherbee	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
May 25, Amherst	Darrell L. McLaughlin Roberta Mae Griffin	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 1, Amherst	John F. Dolan Marion S. Chapman	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 8, Sudbury, Ma.	Barry L. Dibble Valerie J. Slayton	Rev. Richard A. Wolff
June 15, Milford	John David Morgan, Jr. Linda Kay Hunsaker	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
June 16, Milford	Keven Carl McLaughlin Jacqueline Lois Gilman	Rev. Howard A. Waterhouse
June 22, Milford	Albert Gary Martin Diane Lee Williamson	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
June 22, Milford	Stephen Ernest Phelan Mary Beth Johnson	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
June 29, Amherst	Dale Eric Watson Lois Anne Castle	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 29, Milford	Carl Orin Worcester Pamela Kay Case	Rev. Glen C. Bachelder
June 29, Amherst	Richarl Leslie Cook Laura Elizabeth Ouellette	Rev. Edward W. Meury
July 4, Milford	Armand Neil Deveau Kathi Ann Hineman	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
July 13, Brookline	Michael Carl Miller Gail Elizabeth Fessenden	Rev. Joseph T. Fennessey

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Name of Officiant</i>
July 27, Milford	Daniel Bruce Trott	Rev. William B. Wylie
	Denise Thurman	
Aug. 10, Milford	Brian Russell Langille	Rev. Anthony Michalik
	Susan Jean Sortevik	
Aug. 17, Milford	Dino Rossi	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
	Kristen Lisa Bjork	
Aug. 17, Amherst	Mark Everett Whitney	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
	Nancy Jane Brown	
Aug. 17, Hudson	Gary Ernest Benoit	Rev. Eugene H. Bronson
	Deborah Kay Woolley	
Aug. 19, Amherst	Mark Langdon Taylor	Edna M. Bianchi
	Florence Barrault Turner	Justice of the Peace
Aug. 19, Milford	Raymond Joseph Harpin	Rev. Bede Urekew O. S.
	Amanda Jane Savage	
Aug. 24, Amherst	William Maurice Babine	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
	Joan Elaine Boothroyd	
Aug. 24, Keene	Ralph Herbert Odell, Jr.	Rev. K. A. Batchelder
	Beth Elaine Ohman	
Sept. 3, Nashua	Roger Leonard Turcotte	Jeanne L. Marquis
	Nancy Lucille Gendron	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 6, Bedford	Paul G. Rasmussen	Rev. Roger Champigny
	Sharon A. Steeves	
Sept. 7, Reading, Ma.	Stephen Paul Tocco	Rev. John Snook, Jr.
	Deborah Jean Palm	
Sept. 13, Amherst	Richard George Hopkins	Rev. John Ward
	Jeanne Sue Bray	
Sept. 14, Milford	Steven Curtis Douglas	Rev. Craig H. Richards
	Gail Patricia Hall	
Oct. 4, Nashua	Stalios Tsonis	William J. Groff
	Beth Alyson Handy	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 5, Nashua	William Carl Wurst	Rev. H. E. Bartsch
	Barbara Elaine Wilson	
Oct. 12, Milford	Edward Roberts Bryant	Rev. Howard A.
	Deborah Lee Ladd	Waterhouse
Oct. 12, Merrimack	Daniel Edward Ledoux	Alfred R. Latour
	Debra Ann Case	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 12, Milford	Elliot Parmenter Lyon, Jr.	Rev. Craig H. Richards
	Dawn Stephanie Keskinen	
Oct. 15, Amherst	Daniel A. Deveau	Lewis A. Cronin
	Diane H. Wassell	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 19, Milford	Ralph Claude Wright	Rev. Craig H. Richards
	Paula Louise Walker	
Oct. 19, Amherst	David C. McAweeney	Rev. Donald K. Coburn
	Janet N. MacNulty	
Oct. 19, Amherst	Bruce Anderson Tobey	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
	Jill Elaine Kennedy	
Nov. 23, Amherst	Alfred Lucien Hamelin	George A. Dubois, Sr.
	Lorna Mae Lemieux	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 14, Milford	David H. Herlihy, Jr.	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
	Rebecca B. Hankey	
Dec. 7, Raymond	Edward George Shattuck, Jr.	Rev. Richard A. Johnson
	Frances Coleman Williams	

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1974

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1973			
Dec. 4, Nashua	Robyn Putson Wood	Robert H. Wood	Pukavadee Haiyakitkosil
Dec. 11, Nashua	Angela Ann Clements	David C. Clements	Elaine F. Keller
Dec. 11, Nashua	Jason Michael Donnelly	Michael F. Donnelly, Sr.	Julie Anne Hillman
Dec. 16, Nashua	Holly Ann Marlowe	Virgil L. Marlowe, Jr.	Eleanor T. Garry
Dec. 16, Nashua	Scott Joseph Marlowe	Virgil L. Marlowe, Jr.	Eleanor T. Garry
Dec. 17, Nashua	Keith John Richardson	David J. Richardson	Valerie C. Poulin
Dec. 24, Nashua	Holly Laurie Longfellow	Peter M. Longfellow	Joanne E. Theriault
1974			
Jan. 13, Nashua	Christina Caroline Lamb	John N. Lamb	Valerie J. VanHam
Jan. 18, Nashua	Kathryn Elizabeth Connelly	Stephen J. Connelly	Elizabeth A. Hastings
Jan. 22, Nashua	Matthew Gerald Tabor	Gerald D. Tabor	Martha J. Hodsdon
Jan. 23, Nashua	James Carl Ricard	Carl A. Ricard	Mona C. Boudreau
Jan. 27, Nashua	Jennifer Marie Bertrand	William F. Bertrand	Kathi A. Tanguay
Jan. 31, Nashua	Marcie Ann Champagne	Martin J. Champagne	Patricia O'Brien
Feb. 5, Nashua	Betsy Rene Morris	Carl A. Morris, Jr.	Ann M. Colarusse
Feb. 19, Concord	Nancy Lauren Foster	John H. Foster	Janet D. Isenberger
Feb. 19, Manchester	Andrew John Pfeifer	Melvin G. Pfeifer	Julie A. Lenane
Feb. 25, Nashua	Amy Rebecca Holland	Francis G. Holland	Sandra L. Colman
Feb. 27, Nashua	Alison Wentworth Straub	G. Malcolm Straub	Martha Wentworth
Feb. 28, Nashua	Shirley Ann Brown	Richard F. Brown	Clara E. Koenig
Mar. 2, Nashua	Penny Marie Mack	Donald Mack	Shirley M. Parker
Mar. 5, Nashua	Josina Keith Landman	Ronald Landman	Anne C. Clark
Mar. 6, Manchester	Christopher Michael Soloway	Norman P. Soloway	Wendy R. Tinklepaugh
Mar. 7, Nashua	Alison Lee Wheeler	Dennis A. Wheeler	Judith A. Goodhue
Mar. 8, Nashua	Sherri Lynn Fabre	Grant P. Fabre	Jane E. Bendel
Mar. 19, Nashua	Jodi Ann Webster	Harold L. Webster	Judith L. Grassett
Apr. 1, Nashua	Karyn Jennifer Hansen	Peter T. Hansen	Patricia M. Lewden
Apr. 5, Nashua	Stacy Lynn Goodreau	Dennis O. Goodreau	Valerie L. Jordan
Apr. 8, Nashua	Patricia Jane Fagan	Edward C. F. Fagan	Anne T. Gordon
Apr. 9, Nashua	Edward Coleman Skodol III	Edward C. Skodol, Jr.	Joan C. Seng
Apr. 15, Nashua	Christopher Alan Louis	James R. Folloman	Jacqueline M. M. Payraudeau
Apr. 15, Nashua	Folloman	James R. Folloman	Gunda K. Wetmeyer
Apr. 18, Woburn, Ma.	Koike Aenne Murphy	Edward A. Murphy	Mazelle W. Fuller
Apr. 18, Woburn, Ma.	Karla Marcelene Fuller	William C. Fuller	

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
May 4, Nashua	Tara Rose Anderson	Leonard W. Anderson	Sharon R. Perry
May 11, Nashua	Tatum Adams Bradlee	William F. Bradlee	Marilyn R. Palozie
May 11, Nashua	Eleanor Margaret Carson	Michael B. Carson	Joan E. Malligan
May 12, Nashua	Patricia Tracy Mitchell	Bernard A. Mitchell	Mary C. McDonald
May 14, Nashua	Richard Louis Wanat	Louis F. Wanat	Julianne M. Buraczynski
May 17, Winchester, Ma.	Rice Holbrook Wales	Janus R. Wales	Chloride A. Peck
May 20, Nashua	Keith Thomas Maxwell	Ralph I. Maxwell	Choral E. Murray
May 24, Nashua	Hilary Stevens Hornor	Lawrence C. Hornor	Molly Stevens
May 26, Nashua	Grant Vincent Ohlund	Donald H. Ohlund	Mary P. Fenney
May 26, Nashua	Marc Christopher Foster	John R. Foster	Linda J. Buck
May 26, Nashua	George Dunne Merrill III	George D. Merrill, Jr.	Stephanie P. Kalin
June 2, Peterborough	Anthony Peter Dufour	Robert O. Dufour	Michele A. Gacica
June 2, Nashua	Michael Thomas Warman	Donald L. Warman	Barbara J. Garrison
June 14, Nashua	Kerry Ellen Cannon	John R. Cannon	Kathleen Galvin
June 14, Manchester	Jeremiah Lorette	Robert W. Lorette, Jr.	Deborah E. Browning
June 19, Manchester	William Tyler Sutherland	Scott W. Sutherland	Muriel T. Doyle
July 2, Nashua	Joel Michael Beal	Eliot C. Beal	Constance C. Crosbie
July 17, Nashua	Doris Elise Mahar	Paul E. Lloyd	Germaine M. Tremblay
July 17, Nashua	Peter Allan Pritchard	Harold W. Mahar, Jr.	Claudette LaBonte
July 26, Manchester	Brian Douglas Smith	Bradley W. Smith	Constance L. Pihl
July 26, Nashua	Michael John McClusky	William T. McClusky	Helen J. Meade
July 27, Nashua	Lizabeth Walden Root	Stephen E. Root	Patricia M. Guthrie
Aug. 15, Nashua	Stephen Eric Faudling	Lloyd I. Paulding	Dixie W. Johnson
Aug. 21, Nashua	Adam George Milligan	Bryce B. Milligan	Suzanne H. Swanson
Aug. 31, Nashua	William James Jordan	Michael E. Jordan	Christine M. Byam
Sept. 3, Nashua	Michael Jay Barry	Francis B. Barry	Bridget K. McHugh
Sept. 3, Lawrence, Ma.	Liese Ruth Stevens	David I. Stevens	Madeline A. Jeanotte
Sept. 18, Nashua	Richard Gerard Fontaine	Richard C. Fontaine, Jr.	Ruth E. Kruschwitz
Sept. 26, Nashua	Elisabeth Marie Michaelis	Martin U. Michaelis	Nancy E. Napolitano
Sept. 29, Nashua	Ryan Patrick Taylor	Patt Taylor	Ingrid E. Krosch
Sept. 29, Nashua	Justin Thomas DiRico	John M. Welch, Sr.	Mary V. Herrmann
Sept. 29, Nashua	Jason Richard Wheeler	John T. DiRico	Regina M. Devine
Oct. 10, Nashua	Terence Dywer Scollin	Richard A. Wheeler, Jr.	Rita D. Barker
Oct. 17, Nashua	Nathan Stephen Curtis	George F. Scollin III	Susan P. Ryll
Oct. 25, Peterborough	Rebecca Elaine Brown	Thomas E. Curtis	Maura E. Dwyer
Oct. 30, Nashua	Catherine Savage Condon	Wayne R. Condon	Shirley J. Vincent
Nov. 4, Nashua	Jessica Lynn Zall	Robert J. Condon	Christine M. Dusek
Nov. 10, Nashua	Brian John Kelly	Jeffrey A. Zall	Melinda Brown
Nov. 16, Manchester		John J. Kelly, Jr.	JoAnn P. Casillo
			Patricia H. Proctor

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1974

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1973				
Aug. 17, Exeter	Donald E. Williams	23	Norman E. Williams	Gabrielle Gendron
1974				
Jan. 4, Nashua	John H. Franz	68	Henry L. Franz	Wealcha Unknown
Jan. 26, Manchester	Walter C. Bruce	79	William Bruce	Hattie Griffith
Feb. 23, Manchester	Ralph E. Bartlett	50	Elgin J. Bartlett	Alida Glover
Feb. 26, Amherst	Algott T. Monson	65	Benjamin F. Monson	Unknown
Mar. 10, Nashua	Albert Koepecke	70	Albert F. Koepecke, Sr.	Ann Wilson
Mar. 10, Nashua	Otto Lehmann	69	Max Lehmann	Erminie Hess
Mar. 18, Pittsfield	Myron E. Parker	93	Henry Parker	Gertrude Keith
Apr. 13, Nashua	Ausbrey C. Fall	88	Plummer Fall	Nellie Ross
June 28, Amherst	Ernest E. Phinney	71	Ernest Phinney	Lena Dame
Sept. 11, Nashua	Elzear Houle	77	Amedee Houle	Sarah Normand
Sept. 29, Amherst	Genevieve E. Jellerson	46	Ludger J. Everard	Dassie Stoodley
Sept. 30, Amherst	Albion W. Clair	69	Frederick Clair	Holly West
Oct. 10, Amherst	Mary R. Tidd	54	George Belanger	Iva Gowin
Nov. 16, Nashua	Ruth D. Lewis	67	Jonathan C. Day	Mabel Pyle
Nov. 28, Amherst	Roland K. Fraser	67	Duncan Fraser	Christy Kennedy
Dec. 18, Nashua	Carolyn V. Clair	60	Carroll Montgomery	Emily Moody

Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst, N. H.

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Cemetery</i>
Feb. 19, Hollis	Raymond D. Brown	70	Meadowview
Apr. 3, Lawrence, Ma.	Ella M. Bell	60	Cricket Corner
Apr. 27, Hampton	Harold Perry	81	Meadowview
June 2, New London, Ct.	Janet H. Wellons	58	Meadowview
June 19, Manchester	Hazel P. Stone	75	Meadowview
July 26, Manchester	Alfred J. Pelchat	75	St. Patrick's
Aug. 2, Weymouth, Ma.	Anna M. Provencal	90	St. Patrick's
Aug. 26 Goffstown	Wilhelmina E. Brine	84	Meadowview
Nov. 2, Los Angeles, Ca.	Ernest H. Kirby	93	Meadowview
Nov. 14, Daly City, Ca.	Leo C. Monahan	76	Meadowview
Nov. 20, Manchester	Edna Smith	86	Chestnut Hill
Dec. 7, Manchester	Constance J. Hall	68	Meadowview
Dec. 9, Concord	Walter R. Truesdell	85	Meadowview

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
School District Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending June 30, 1974

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1974-75

School Board	Term Expires
Paul F. Dudley, Jr.	1975
Herbert C. Stearns	1976
Elizabeth D. Puddington	1977

Roland L. Schoepf	Superintendent
Jeffrey D. Smith	Business Administrator
Mrs. Louise Ainsworth	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Hope Caulfield	School Nurse
Mrs. Rosalie McGeoch	School Nurse
James F. Tinker	Attendance Officer
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Stephen Noble	Auditor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1974-1975

Begin	Close	
Sept. 4 (Wed.)	Dec. 20 (Fri.)	72 days
(Oct. 11, 14; Nov. 11, 15, 28, 29 — No School)		
Jan. 2 (Thurs.)	Feb. 14 (Fri.)	32 days
Feb. 24 (Mon.)	April 25 (Fri.)	44 days
(March 28 — No School)		
May 5 (Mon.)	June 18 (Wed.)	32 days
(May 30 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

**Tentative
1975-1976**

Begin	Close	
Sept. 3 (Wed.)	Dec. 19 (Fri.)	72 days
(Oct. 13, 17; Nov. 11, 14, 27, 28 — No School)		
Jan. 5 (Mon.)	Feb. 20 (Fri.)	35 days
March 1 (Mon.)	April 23 (Fri.)	39 days
(March 26 — No School)		
May 3 (Mon.)	June 18 (Fri.)	34 days
(May 31 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

*This calendar is subject to changes authorized by your School Board, the State Department of Education or when school is closed because of dangerous traveling conditions or emergencies. The minimum legal requirement is 180 days actually in session.

The State of New Hampshire
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the seventh day of March 1975, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees of officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to continue studying the feasibility of the N. H. Educational Voucher Plan as it would apply to Amherst, and make a recommendation to be voted on at the annual school district meeting in 1976.

6. To see if the district will resolve:

"That the Amherst School District desires to amend the Amherst/Milford AREA contract to withdraw the ninth grade, if legally feasible, and incorporate the same into the Amherst School District."

7. To see if the district will resolve:

"That the Amherst School District desires to amend the Amherst/Milford AREA contract to form a Cooperative High School District as defined in RSA 195."

8. To see if the district will resolve:

"That if the Amherst/Milford districts fail to reach mutual acceptance of the formation of a Cooperative High School District, the school board will initiate steps to effect ultimate withdrawal of all grades, if legally feasible, and incorporate the same into the Amherst School District.

9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst, this 10th day of February 1975.

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

HERBERT C. STEARNS

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON, School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

HERBERT C. STEARNS

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON, School Board

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

Polls to open at 7:00 A.M. — Close at 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the fourth day of March 1975, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Amherst, this 20th day of January 1975.

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON, School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:
PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.
HERBERT C. STEARNS
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON, School Board

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

CATEGORY

100 Series Administration

110 Salaries of District Officers	Budgeted 1973-74	Actual 1973-74	Budgeted 1974-75	Proposed 1975-76
135 Contracted Services	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,860.00
190 Other Expenses of Administration	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
	1,625.00	2,725.33	1,475.00	1,775.00

100 Series Total

	3,735.00	4,815.33	3,635.00	3,935.00
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200 Series Instruction

210 Salaries for Instruction				
Teacher Salaries	508,213.00	508,490.66	551,994.00	812,733.00
New Teachers	20,411.00		173,388.00	121,808.00
Summer Curriculum	600.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Insurance	13,533.00	13,786.83	22,445.00	30,487.00
Teacher Scholarships	2,500.00	2,090.50	3,400.00	4,000.00
Other (Gesell Testing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	725.00

Total 210

	545,257.00	524,367.99	751,227.00	970,553.00
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215 Textbooks

220 Library & Audio Visual	5,287.00	4,992.41	10,128.00	9,380.00
230 Teaching Supplies	5,263.00	4,213.24	15,435.00	15,450.00
235 Contracted Services	18,016.00	15,027.45	32,000.00	37,366.00
290 Other Expenses for Instruction	4,442.00	2,543.26	5,074.00	5,717.00
	2,635.00	2,803.62	7,729.00	4,095.00

200 Series Total

	580,900.00	553,947.97	821,593.00	1,042,561.00
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	Budgeted 1973-74	Actual 1973-74	Budgeted 1974-75	Proposed 1975-76
300 Series Attendance	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
400 Series Health Services	8,745.00	8,651.86	12,450.00	13,062.00
500 Series Transportation	91,537.00	94,854.88	115,056.00	117,294.00
600 Series Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	26,750.00	25,866.58	54,500.00	66,760.00
630 Supplies	5,676.00	11,085.40	8,656.00	12,000.00
635 Contracted Services	1,700.00	1,632.48	4,326.00	1,600.00
640 Heat	11,300.00	10,355.70	33,000.00	47,550.00
645 Utilities	9,611.00	11,460.88	27,000.00	32,826.00
600 Series Total	55,037.00	60,401.04	127,482.00	160,736.00
700 Series Maintenance of Plant	6,201.00	10,548.40	5,638.00	14,952.00
800 Series Fixed Charges	51,062.00	42,912.00	74,239.00	95,062.00
900 Series Federal Lunch	7,500.00	11,130.74	11,000.00	11,000.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities	1,075.00	950.00	3,850.00	4,050.00
1100 Series Community Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
1200 Series Capital Outlay				
1265 Sites	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1266 Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1267 Equipment	8,419.00	5,299.25	3,891.00	10,800.00
1200 Series Total	8,419.00	5,299.25	3,891.00	10,800.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budgeted 1973-74	Actual 1973-74	Budgeted 1974-75	Proposed 1975-76
1300 Series Debt Service				
1370 Principal	170,000.00	170,000.00	235,000.00	235,000.00
1371 Interest	131,760.00	127,760.00	165,361.00	156,010.00
Service Charge	15.00	12.05	15.00	15.00
1300 Series Total	301,775.00	297,772.05	400,376.00	391,025.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition In-State (Milford)	630,148.00	567,133.20	613,065.00	539,293.00
AREA Rental	96,538.00	86,884.20	72,197.00	44,946.00
Tuition — Handicapped (Milford)	—	—	—	2,006.00
Tuition — Trainable (Milford)	4,200.00	2,800.00	4,200.00	2,800.00
1477.2 Transportation — Handicapped	—	—	—	* 1,121.00
Transportation — Trainable	—	—	—	* 2,916.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	34,509.16	34,509.16	41,388.00	45,756.57
1479.1 Tuition — Non-Public	15,194.00	6,337.90	14,866.00	17,294.00
1479.2 Transportation — Non-Public	—	—	—	* 12,921.00
1400 Series Total	780,589.16	697,664.46	745,716.00	669,053.57
Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,901,675.16	\$1,788,997.98	\$2,329,976.00	\$2,540,080.57

*Transferred from No. 500 Account

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

REVENUE

	Budgeted 1973-74	Actual 1973-74	Budgeted 1974-75	As Approved By Tax Commission 1974-75	Proposed 1975-76
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 64,666.74	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 70,152.77	\$ 50,000.00
State Building Aid	51,000.00	51,932.81	70,500.00	80,149.49	70,500.00
State Sweepstakes	23,300.00	23,463.08	14,925.00	21,657.95	28,545.00
PL 874	0.00	13,176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Lunch	7,500.00	11,130.74	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Trust Funds	900.00	1,048.74	900.00	900.00	900.00
Foster Children Aid	0.00	0.00	200.00	600.00	0.00
Rent & Janitor	0.00	1,048.71	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Investment Revenue	0.00	1,047.47	145,000.00	150,000.00	45,000.00
Other	500.00	1,536.36	2,500.00	2,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 110,200.00	\$ 169,050.65	\$ 262,025.00	\$ 336,960.21	\$ 207,945.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$1,791,475.16		\$2,067,951.00	\$1,993,015.79	\$2,332,135.57

REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Four has been a particularly active year in terms of milestones met, new programs considered, restructuring of the system, new legal requirements concerning teacher recertification, and district responsibility to the handicapped.

The Amherst Middle School was officially opened for school on September 4th and was dedicated on October 27, 1974. The completion of the Middle School as scheduled is the result of a community effort supporting both the basic concept of a Middle School and the bond issues required to fund the project. A total of \$3,022,255 was appropriated to design, build and equip the school. We are now in operation in an equipped school and have a balance on hand of \$3,045. In December 1974, the School District turned back to the town \$145,000 from interest on bonds, to be used for reduction of taxes. In June of 1975, we expect to turn back an additional \$50,000 for the same purpose. Within two months of its opening, the Amherst Middle School had been approved by the State Department of Education as an approved comprehensive middle school meeting all minimum standards.

Through the cooperation of the voters, study and building committees, administration and teachers, our three primary middle school goals have been met . . . on time completion, completion within budget and a level of education which meets all State minimum requirements.

The restructuring of the school system to include the seventh and eighth grades is in process and the implementation is going smoothly. In 1974, the seventh grade was included in the Middle School. In September 1975, the eighth grade will be added, thus completing the two step program. Due to the Middle School requirements for grades 7 and 8, we have been able to upgrade and broaden the opportunities to grades 5 and 6, particularly in art, industrial arts, home economics, science and a potentially larger library.

The Amherst schools have been and should continue to be centers for community activities. Several groups such as Scouts, churches and the Recreation Commission are using the Wilkins and Middle School facilities for regular activities. In keeping with this same concept, we have initiated a self supporting adult education program. Although the response was less than we had hoped, we do have two wood-working, one tennis, and one yoga course in operation this year, with an expanded program planned for the fall of 1975.

At a special School District Meeting held on April 26, 1974, it was voted to participate in a study of the New Hampshire Voucher System. Because of a four month delay by the Congress in approving funds, this study has not started. The study phase has now been funded and is scheduled to commence during the coming year, with implementation, if approved by the towns, to start in September of 1976. There are still many unresolved questions on this program, including long term funding, the Amherst/Milford AREA contract, and whether town funds can be spent outside of the district for other than handicapped education. A warrant article will be on the 1975 agenda, to see if the town wishes to participate in the study program.

Under current legislature a school district is responsible for the education of handicapped individuals from birth to 21 years of age. We have therefore joined with the Milford and Wilton areas (Unions 41, 40 and 63) to develop a special education consortium which will serve all areas and develop programs to serve the needs of these students, without duplicating facilities and programs in each of the towns. In addition, this year we included a resource room in the Middle School for special education requirements. Several students who heretofore have gone to special schools and have been supported for tuition and transportation up to the state average are now attending regular school. Since this program was approved by the school board after the March 1974 meeting, the board will request your approval of the

program at this year's meeting. The board supports this program as in the best interests of both the students and the district; however, it was instituted for one year on the basis that any new program should be approved by the voters.

Teachers must be recertified by the State every three years, under new staff development guidelines based on local needs. We are working with Union 40 and 41 towns to develop the recertification requirements which will be tailored to meet the needs of our local system. This program must be presented to the State Department of Education for approval by July of 1975.

The Amherst/Milford AREA contract is being reviewed with respect to a long term solution for the high school grades. The special long term study committee, made up of Amherst and Milford residents, have concluded that the two towns should split and that Amherst should provide for its own high school when it is financially feasible to do so.

The Amherst board, and we believe the community, is in favor of a cooperative approach and we will continue to explore that solution; however, the consensus of opinion we have received from Milford is that they will not promote or consider a co-op system. Therefore, because we do not believe Milford will continue to build new facilities, nor favor a co-op, the Amherst School Board has passed a resolution favoring withdrawal.

If the final solution for the high school grades is withdrawal, then Amherst must consider building a high school to be available in the area of 1980-83. Since the Milford AREA High School is now over-crowded, a short term solution must be found to span the next five to seven years. Several possible solutions are as follows:

A. Milford may construct an industrial arts wing which will free up ten regular classrooms. If such a building is constructed, Amherst would participate through rental towards the cost of such an addition. Financing of

this type of addition would be on a short term five year bond. The Amherst board supports this solution as the best educationally and financially to Amherst.

B. Withdrawal of Amherst ninth grade from Milford. The school board is opposed to this approach in that it would severely restrict the growth potential of all Amherst schools.

C. Year-round school or double sessions are two other possible solutions; however, the cost of both these systems are generally higher than building due to the increased staff requirements and almost double transportation costs. Of the two, year-round school is more desirable both educationally and financially.

At a combined Town/School meeting held on September 6th, it was voted to enter into a land exchange which has given the town land for a south side fire station and the school district access to the Middle School property from the Boston Post Road. Our part of the bargain was to give a right of way between the Middle School property and conservation land along the Souhegan River to provide access to the owners' land-locked property.

We are instituting with the Selectmen's Office a combined Town/School census which will be on a computer and will provide up-to-date information at all times to both parties.

As of this writing the 1975-76 operating budget is being reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee and the School Board. The budget is based on 1,914 students vs. 1,806 students this current year. The increase is due to a small growth factor, the fact that the current 12th grade of 112 will be replaced by an incoming 9th grade of 182; and a new first grade of about 190. The school philosophy in Amherst grades 1-8 is based on a goal of 25 students per classroom teacher and to meet State minimum standards whenever possible. We have included some maintenance work for the

Clark School required for sanitation and maintenance of the property. These include plumbing, electrical and painting the wooden structure which was last done in 1970.

There are several problems which both the town and the school board will be facing this coming year and into the future. The primary one is arriving at a satisfactory solution for the high school grades. The solution must be educationally and financially satisfactory as well as enabling representation in decision involving fully 1/3 of our school population and school budget. Additional legal requirements are being passed on both the federal and state level, requiring increased local expenditures. For example, new civil rights laws demand equal opportunity regardless of sex involved, not only normal classroom activities but also apply to athletics and other extra-curricular activities. As previously mentioned in this report, the responsibility to provide educational opportunity to the handicapped has been extended from birth to 21 years.

We would like to take this opportunity to both thank and commend the administration and teaching staff for their efforts in maintaining and upgrading the educational program in Amherst. Through their efforts the opening of the Middle School and the restructuring of the Wilkins and Clark Schools have been accomplished in an orderly manner.

Our greatest appreciation goes to the citizens of Amherst for their support, their understanding and their voluntary cooperation on the part of many to serve on special Building and Study Committees. We seek your recommendations and guidance and urge you to become as involved as possible with the school system, the problems to be solved and the challenges to be met.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974)

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Treasurer

In account with the School District of Amherst.

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1973	\$ 64,666 74
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Board of Selectmen:

Current Appropriation	1,759,694 22
State Sources	87,748 11
Federal Sources	13,176 00
Tuition	1,047 47
Trust Funds	1,048 74
Other Sources	3,059 65

Total (Balance and Receipts)	\$1,930,440 93
Less School Board Orders Paid	1,791,742 78

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1974	\$ 138,698 15
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Building Account

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1973	\$ 18,655 90
Received from Sale of Notes & Bonds (Principal only)	950,000 00
Received from all Other Sources	1,973,707 30

Total (Balance and Receipts)	\$2,942,363 20
Less School Board Orders Paid	1,965,972 72

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1974 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	18,045 73
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1974 (Investments)	958,344 75

Total Balance	\$ 976,390 48
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Emotionally Disturbed Account

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1973	\$	1,821 53
Less School Board Orders Paid		722 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1974	\$	1,099 53

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and find them correct in all respects.

STEPHEN NOBLE
ORSON H. BRAGDON

Auditors

July 24, 1974 and December 3, 1974

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT 1974-75 School Year

Total Appropriations	\$2,329,976 00
REVENUES AND CREDITS	
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 70,152 77
Sweepstakes	21,657 95
School Building Aid	80,149 49
Other Revenue from State Sources	600 00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	11,000 00
Trust Fund Income	900 00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	2,500 00
Investment Revenue	150,000 00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 336,960 21
District Assessment 1974	1,993,015 79
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Total Appropriations	\$2,329,976 00

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

The American people, since colonial times, have had an abiding faith in the power of education. While the process of educating the young was then at an informal level and primarily accomplished by the family, one could say that it was universal in the sense that virtually all were trained to make some contribution to the welfare of the family. To be sure, there were instances in which an individual was unable to engage in some effort, but in the main a contribution was made, whether it was large or small.

With the advent of the industrial revolution life suddenly became very complex. Not only did society begin to realize that the family unit could no longer provide an essential education, but as a result of the introduction of more efficient machinery and legislation designed to eliminate child labor, more and more children found their way to school. In spite of the fact that nearly everyone subscribed to the democratic principle of an education for all, its application fell short of the goal of universality. Not only did some leave school at an early age, but the scope of education was narrow in relation to the needs to be served. Those with handicaps more often than not were completely deprived of an education and even those who were able to attend school under normal conditions frequently did not participate on an equality of opportunity basis.

As the years passed and an increasing amount of social legislation was enacted, the demands on public education grew in proportion. Initially funded at the federal level, there were some voluntary programs that eventually had to be underwritten at the local level or dropped. Other programs were mandated by both the federal and state governments and either were inadequately funded or imposed on the local district to implement. That the programs were desirable and of merit was not disputed; expressed public

concerns related to the ability of school districts to accomplish the tasks mandated. Some large districts already had undertaken steps to provide a measure of opportunity and meeting additional requirements did not involve much more per pupil effort because of the numbers involved. Conversely, smaller districts, without the same resources as their large counterparts, suddenly found themselves in the position of having to meet new demands without additional funds.

Today, not only are districts being asked to provide facilities and services for school-age children, but legislation pertaining to the welfare of children is becoming broader and, in some cases, includes provisions for pre-school children. Two recent pieces of legislation, one enacted by the state and the other by the federal government, serve to illustrate this movement. It is emphasized that the merits of such legislation is not an issue in this report.

In 1965, the New Hampshire General Court took action which required every handicapped child between the ages of five and twenty-one and capable of being benefited by instruction, to attend an approved school program to which he may be assigned by the local school board. If necessary, such education was to be made available until the individual reached the age of twenty-one years. Small districts, for the most part unable to support proper programs, usually arranged to have the child attend a school, often outside of the district, which provided a specialized education. The tuition liability of the district was equivalent to the state average tuition for the previous year.

The 1973 session of the state legislature modified the original statutes that dealt with the handicapped in a number of ways, the most notable of which made all pre-school children eligible, regardless of age, at the same time requiring the state board of education to assume responsibility for tuition which exceeded the state average per pupil cost. With a statute that made it mandatory to provide some type of program for all handicapped children up to the age

of twenty-one years, it seemed that finally parents and school districts would obtain relief.

Such was not the case, however, for in the same breath that the General Court enacted legislation requiring a broadening of opportunities, it failed to provide the funds for implementation. This raised a host of questions as to who was going to assume financial responsibility for costs above the state average. By law the local district could pay no more than the state average cost, but the state department of education had no money to assume responsibility for any payments in excess. In 1974, the statutes were amended to give the local school board authority to pay more than the state average tuition cost, at the same time allowing the state department of education to assume some of the tuition cost on a pro-rated basis if any funds were left over after meeting other obligations.

The net effect of this legislation is that the local districts must assume responsibility for providing an equality of educational opportunity for all children from birth to twenty-one years of age. Given the option of establishing programs within the schools or tuitioning to other schools, school boards are faced with increasing instructional costs; not only has the population to be served increased, but the cost of providing specialized curricula often is considerably higher than that of the traditional program.

Somewhat different in thrust is Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which represents civil rights legislation recently enacted by Congress. While it deals with sex discrimination, of particular interest is the section which concerns the treatment of students. Many schools have in fact already met the intent of the law in some measure. One example is the requirement that no courses can be offered exclusively for girls or boys; some schools now have open enrollments and actively encourage participation of both sexes in what traditionally has been a segregated offering. While there could be additional costs related to this arrangement, the larger effect will be found in the area of athletics. It will

now devolve upon the schools to provide athletic opportunities in such sports and through such teams as will most effectively equalize opportunities for members of both sexes. Unless the program is eliminated, the effect of this legislation will be to increase the amount of money appropriated locally for athletics.

Traditionally, the state has been responsible for education. In most states much of the responsibility for actual organization and administration of schools has been delegated to the local districts. New Hampshire residents have taken pride in their local schools over the years and have had the satisfaction of being able to determine the policies which governed their operation. More recently an increasing amount of legislation at both the state and federal levels has had the effect of reducing the extent of control which the community has been able to exercise over its educational program. If one examines educational legislation over the years, there can be no question but that much has been enacted as a result of what some group perceived as a need. Of concern, as expressed by not a few, is that the capacity of local districts is such that it is becoming increasingly difficult to adequately support all programs that are desirable as well as legislated.

Looking into the future, more steps will be taken by state and federal governments that will affect education indirectly or directly. If past experience offers any clue to what the impact will be on the local district, undoubtedly it will be yet another chapter in the book of who will pay for what and under what circumstances, with few options available to the community.

Amherst Elementary Schools Principal's Report

This year, as in past years, changes have taken place. With the opening of the Middle School, the Wilkins/Clark complex contains grades one through four. The curriculum remains basically the same and includes the special areas of art, music, physical education, library and learning disabilities.

The organization of the building has been changed with teachers being placed in teaching units of four and five teachers. This facilitates the teaching staff in investigating and planning for expanding their role in team teaching situations. The program is called Individually Guided Education (I.G.E.) and receives NDEA Title III funds through Project Share for teaching materials and improving methods of instruction. Creating and designing learning programs is the heart of I.G.E. These programs include the goals, objectives, assessments, and activities related to what will be learned as well as the space, time, personnel and mode desirable to facilitate learning.

The Center for Educational Policy and Management from the Educational Department at the University of Oregon is collecting data on teachers involved in various stages of team teaching. The program Project MITT (Management Implications of Team Teaching) will collect this data from teachers about their reactions and feelings twice per year for a period of three years. The Wilkins-Clark Schools were invited to participate. The Wilkins-Clark Schools were also selected by the National Assessment of Educational Progress to participate in the assessment of reading objectives and art objectives on the national level.

Our complete staff is also involved in studying and updating our mathematics curriculum. This past summer we had another successful reading program for those students who had additional needs.

This year we also had some changes in our staff. Our new staff members are:

Eleanor Lovell	in an additional Readiness Room
Pamela Cannon	Grade One
Roberta Tendler	Grade Two
Lee Gay	Grade Three
Sandra Leyh	Physical Education
Kenneth DeVoid	Learning Disabilities
Joel Austin	Guidance
Ellen Guyott	Aide
Evelyn Sickler	Aide
Sally McGeoch	Nurse (part time to full time)

These new staff members compliment our already excellent staff.

This year our first grade, with approval of the State Department of Education instituted a staggered start for our entering children. The children's first experience with the school proved to be most successful with this program.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Amherst Parent Volunteer Program, Ann Logan, Director; Amherst P.T.A., Ann Hoag, President; Lions Club; Women's Association of the Congregational Church; Amherst Jr. Women's Club for their concern, time, help and money. Without them our task would have been much more difficult.

It is a pleasure to work in Amherst, and I appreciate the fine community support for the schools. It is also a pleasure to be associated with a fine School Board — Elizabeth Puddington, Herbert Stearns, and Paul Dudley.

Amherst Middle School Principal's Report

The first report on the Amherst Middle School is, for me, a great pleasure.

The academic history for our new facility began on September 4, with the fifth grade students being the first class to enter. September 5, grade six began and September 6, our seventh grade came to school. The staggered start, made possible by the State Department of Education, enabled each class to receive a full orientation program, to insure a smooth transition from the Wilkins School.

With the opening of a new school and the addition of a new grade within the confines of the Amherst school system, many new teachers were added to the staff. These new staff members are:

Mr. Leigh Burrall	Social Studies — Grade 7
Mrs. Marilyn Barry	Art — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Miss Lucie Caron	French and Spanish — Grade 7
Mrs. Carol Crothers	Grade 6
Mr. Steve Capistran	Grade 6
Mr. Robert Ernst	Science — Grade 7
Mrs. Toni Gasser	Grade 6
Miss Kathy Alden	Physical Education — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Mr. David Lister	Physical Education — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Mrs. Joyce Kenne	Librarian — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Miss Kyle Landry	Home Economics — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Mr. Bruce McCullough	Science — Grade 7
Mrs. Jill Price	Math — Grade 7
Mr. Paul Tumas	Social Studies — Grade 7
Miss Rebecca Silverman	English — Grade 7
Miss Dayle Stoelting	Reading — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Miss Christine Sullivan	Learning Disabilities — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Mr. Robert Olsen	Industrial Arts — Grades 5, 6 & 7
Mr. George Scollin	Guidance — Grades 5, 6 & 7

The dedication program and open house, during American Education Week, enabled parents and interested citizens to tour the school. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 people took the opportunity to visit the school.

The most important phase of opening the new school and developing new programs and curriculum was attained in October, when the Amherst Middle School received full comprehensive approval from the New Hampshire State Department of Education for Middle Schools — Junior High Schools.

New courses in the special subjects for Amherst students are Industrial Arts and Home Economics. Our students have responded very well to these subjects. Most afternoons find these areas full, with either boys or girls working on projects.

Spanish and Developmental Reading were added to our curriculum for grade seven, with 29 students in Spanish and 62 in Reading. The remaining number of seventh graders elected French.

Curriculum in academic areas is coordinated by teams of teachers, working closely together. In grade 5 there are three teams of two teachers; grade 6 there are two teams, one with four teachers, another with three teachers; and grade 7 has two, four teacher teams.

The seventh grade teams have worked very hard to coordinate all academic subjects and in certain cases have developed interdisciplinary units that integrate math, social studies, language and science, showing the interdependence of each area to the other.

The student grading system has returned to a more traditional A, B, C system, that is modified by comments. The change was necessary, after a parental survey late in the 1973-74 school year. We are most pleased with the reception of this system by all concerned parties.

Boys and girls of the Middle School have accepted their new school with respect and appreciation. Their behavior

has been responsible and senseless acts of vandalism are almost nonexistent.

I wish to congratulate the teachers, teacher aides, custodians and the kitchen for their morale and effort. They have created an atmosphere of harmony that can't but help all children.

I also wish to thank all groups and organizations that have assisted or donated to the new school. We must extend a special thank you to the P.T.A. and co-presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoag for their continued support.

ROLAND L. SCHOEPPF, Superintendent of Schools

RICHARD J. EBERT, Principal, Amherst Elementary
Schools

PAUL D. COLLINS, Principal, Amherst Middle School

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,904,104 66
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,754,970 07

General Fund	\$ 138,698 15
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,010,436 44

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Current Appropriations	\$1,759,694 22
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Revenue from Local Sources

Tuition	\$ 1,047 47	
Trust Funds	1,048 74	
Rent	1,048 71	
Other	48,487 62	
	-----	51,632 54

Revenue from State Sources

School Building Aid	\$51,932 81	
Sweepstakes	23,463 08	
	-----	75,395 89

Revenue from Federal Sources

School Lunch & Special Milk	\$11,130 74	
Public Law 874	13,176 00	
	-----	24,306 74

Bonds and Notes

Principal of Bonds	\$950,000 00	
Premiums and Interest	59,752 63	
	-----	1,009,752 63

		2,920,782 02

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1973	
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General Fund	64,666 74
Capital Outlay Fund	1,918,655 90

	\$4,904,104 66

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

100 Series Administration

110 Salaries of Officers	\$1,790 00	
135 Contracted Services	300 00	
190 Other Expenses	2,725 33	
	-----	\$ 4,815 33

200 Series Instruction

210 Salaries	\$510,581 16	
215 Textbooks	4,992 41	
220 School Libraries & A.V.	4,213 24	
230 Teaching Supplies	15,027 45	
235 Contracted Services	2,647 35	
290 Other Expenses	16,590 45	
	-----	554,052 06

300 Series Attendance

50 00

400 Series Health Services

410 Salaries	\$8,360 20	
490 Other	291 66	
	-----	8,651 86

500 Series Pupil Transportation

94,854 88

600 Series Operation of Plant

610 Salaries	25,866 58	
630 Supplies, except Utilities	11,085 40	
635 Contracted Services	1,528 39	
640 Heat for Buildings	10,355 70	
645 Utilities, except Heat	11,460 88	
	-----	60,296 95

700 Series Maintenance of Plant

725 Replacement of Equipment	\$1,420 37	
726 Repairs to Equipment	378 76	
735 Contracted Services	3,601 14	
766 Repairs to Buildings	5,148 13	
	-----	10,548 40

800 Series Fixed Charges

850.2 Teachers' Retirement	\$ 6,658 84	
850.3 F.I.C.A.	31,027 60	
855 Insurance	5,225 56	
	<hr/>	42,912 00

900 Series School Lunch & Special Milk 11,130 74

1000 Series Student Body Activities 950 00

1200 Series Capital Outlay

1265 Sites	\$ 0 00	
1266 Buildings	1,872,551 66	
1267 Equipment	98,719 68	
	<hr/>	1,971,271 34

1300 Series Debt Service

1370 Principal of Debt	\$170,000 00	
1371 Interest on Debt	127,760 00	
1390 Other	12 05	
	<hr/>	297,772 05

1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts

1477.1 Tuition	\$663,155 30	
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	34,509 16	
	<hr/>	697,664 46
		<hr/>
		\$3,754,970 07

BALANCE SHEET — June 30, 1974

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1974	
General Fund	\$ 138,698 15
Building Fund	1,010,436 44
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	1,099 53
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Total Assets	\$1,150,234 12
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	0 00
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	\$1,150,234 12

LIABILITIES

Amounts Received for Special Purposes	
Building Fund	\$1,010,436 44
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	1,099 53
Accounts Owed by District	
Accounts Payable	68,545 38
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Total Liabilities	\$1,080,081 35
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	70,152 77
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Grand Total	\$1,150,234 12

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

PAUL F. DUDLEY, JR.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON

School Board

ROLAND L. SCHOEPP

Superintendent of Schools

August 5, 1974

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations except \$2,000 due

September 15, 1966 issued in \$1,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1966-1980.

Rate: 3.30%.

Coupon Amount	\$16.50-\$1,000	\$82.50-\$5,000	
Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	\$9,025.50	\$547,000	---
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	\$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	---
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	---
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	---
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	---
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	---
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35,000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	---
9-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	---
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	---
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	---
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	---
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	---
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000
3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	---
9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	---
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	---
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable February 1 and August 1.

Principal Maturing: 1969-1983.

Rate: 4.20%.

Coupon Amount: \$105.00-\$5,000.00

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	\$3,570.00	\$170,000	—
8-1-69	3,570.00	170,000	\$15,000
2-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	—
8-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	—
8-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	—
8-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	—
8-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	—
8-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	—
8-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	—
8-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	—
8-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	10,000
2-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	—
8-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	—
8-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840.00	40,000	—
8-1-80	840.00	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630.00	30,000	—
8-1-81	630.00	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420.00	20,000	—
8-1-82	420.00	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210.00	10,000	—
8-1-83	210.00	10,000	10,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.

Rate: 6.5%.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-70	\$12,350.00	\$380,000	---
9-15-70	12,350.00	380,000	\$30,000
3-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	---
9-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	25,000
3-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	---
9-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	25,000
3-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	---
9-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	25,000
3-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	---
9-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	25,000
3-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	---
9-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	25,000
3-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	---
9-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	25,000
3-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	---
9-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	25,000
3-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	---
9-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	25,000
3-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	---
9-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	25,000
3-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	---
9-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	25,000
3-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	---
9-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	25,000
3-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	---
9-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	25,000
3-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	---
9-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	25,000
3-15-84	812.50	25,000	---
9-15-84	812.50	25,000	25,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing 1974-93
Rate 4.80%

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
8-1-73	\$48,000	\$2,000,000	
2-1-74	48,000	2,000,000	\$100,000
8-1-74	45,600	1,900,000	
2-1-75	45,600	1,900,000	100,000
8-1-75	43,200	1,800,000	
2-1-76	43,200	1,800,000	100,000
8-1-76	40,800	1,700,000	
2-1-77	40,800	1,700,000	100,000
8-1-77	38,400	1,600,000	
2-1-78	38,400	1,600,000	100,000
8-1-78	36,000	1,500,000	
2-1-79	36,000	1,500,000	100,000
8-1-79	33,600	1,400,000	
2-1-80	33,600	1,400,000	100,000
8-1-80	31,200	1,300,000	
2-1-81	31,200	1,300,000	100,000
8-1-81	28,800	1,200,000	
2-1-82	28,800	1,200,000	100,000
8-1-82	26,400	1,100,000	
2-1-83	26,400	1,100,000	100,000
8-1-83	24,000	1,000,000	
2-1-84	24,000	1,000,000	100,000
8-1-84	21,600	900,000	
2-1-85	21,600	900,000	100,000
8-1-85	19,200	800,000	
2-1-86	19,200	800,000	100,000
8-1-86	16,800	700,000	
2-1-87	16,800	700,000	100,000
8-1-87	14,400	600,000	
2-1-88	14,400	600,000	100,000
8-1-88	12,000	500,000	
2-1-89	12,000	500,000	100,000
8-1-89	9,600	400,000	
2-1-90	9,600	400,000	100,000
8-1-90	7,200	300,000	
2-1-91	7,200	300,000	100,000
8-1-91	4,800	200,000	
2-1-92	4,800	200,000	100,000
8-1-92	2,400	100,000	
2-1-93	2,400	100,000	100,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on March 15, 1974 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable September 15 and March 15.

Principal Maturing: 1974-1989.

Rate: 5.00 %.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
9-15-74	\$23,750	\$950,000	—
3-15-75	23,750	950,000	\$65,000
9-15-75	22,125	885,000	—
3-15-76	22,125	885,000	65,000
9-15-76	20,500	820,000	—
3-15-77	20,500	820,000	65,000
9-15-77	18,875	755,000	—
3-15-78	18,875	755,000	65,000
9-15-78	17,250	690,000	—
3-15-79	17,250	690,000	65,000
9-15-79	15,625	625,000	—
3-15-80	15,625	625,000	65,000
9-15-80	14,000	560,000	—
3-15-81	14,000	560,000	65,000
9-15-81	12,375	495,000	—
3-15-82	12,375	495,000	65,000
9-15-82	10,750	430,000	—
3-15-83	10,750	430,000	65,000
9-15-83	9,125	365,000	—
3-15-84	9,125	365,000	65,000
9-15-84	7,500	300,000	—
3-15-85	7,500	300,000	60,000
9-15-85	6,000	240,000	—
3-15-86	6,000	240,000	60,000
9-15-86	4,500	180,000	—
3-15-87	4,500	180,000	60,000
9-15-87	3,000	120,000	—
3-15-88	3,000	120,000	60,000
9-15-88	1,500	60,000	—
3-15-89	1,500	60,000	60,000

AMHERST BUILDING PROGRAM BUDGET REPORT

February 7, 1975

Revenue		
Original Bonding	\$2,003,125.00	
Bond Premium	4,020.00	
District Appropriation	35,000.00	
Additional Bonding incl. premium	955,310.03	
Interest Earnings	19,800.00	
TOTAL	\$3,022,255.03	
Expenditures		
	Budgeted	Expended to Date
DRA — Original	\$ 128,750.30	\$ 128,750.30
DRA — Addition	45,555.64	45,555.64
DRA — Reimbursables		
Resident Architect	21,000.00	17,155.29
Printing	4,887.15	4,887.15
Advertising	221.24	221.24
Misc. — District Appropriation	12,477.20	12,477.20
R. E. Bean — Original	1,673,024.22	1,636,347.33
R. E. Bean — Addition	700,856.00	686,838.88
R. E. Bean — Partition Door	216.00	0.00
Well	5,592.00	5,592.00
Art — Sci. — Home Economics	64,320.00	64,320.00
Library Furniture	18,868.00	18,868.00
Industrial Arts	13,218.00	12,437.00
Draperies	6,131.00	6,131.00
Hi-Density Shelving	5,533.00	5,250.00
Lockers	18,731.64	18,731.64
Operable Partitions	86,496.00	35,496.00
Carpet	35,093.00	33,340.90
Basketball Backstops	3,694.00	3,694.00
Gym Floor	19,250.00	19,250.00
Gym Curtain	2,438.00	2,438.00
Kitchen Equipment	28,385.00	28,385.00
Misc. Paid — Dist. Approp.	7,522.80	7,522.80
Gym Floor — Extras	210.00	210.00
Soil Testing	3,000.00	2,320.12
Printing Costs	612.85	155.00
Advertising	278.76	240.81
Furniture	48,922.00	49,802.46
Custodial Equipment	5,560.24	5,823.52
School Lunch — Small Equip.	2,997.00	2,997.00
A/V Equipment	11,400.00	10,930.91
Office Equipment	3,589.00	3,539.94
Shop Equip. & Supplies	7,500.00	5,090.25
Home Ec. Equip. & Supplies	7,500.00	4,912.84
P.E. Equip. & Supplies	2,576.11	2,576.11
Health Rm. Equip. & Supplies	919.50	919.50
Pianos	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tractor	3,123.80	2,773.80
Bond Sale Expense	3,968.33	3,968.33
Landscape	11,791.00	11,477.00
Shelving	2,794.00	2,794.00
Signs	300.00	300.00
Retaining Wall	800.00	725.22
Sub-Total	\$3,021,602.78	\$2,956,751.18
Encumbered		62,457.42
Contingency	652.25	3,046.43
	\$3,022,255.03	\$3,022,255.03

AMHERST SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Financial Statement July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

Beginning Balance, July 1, 1973 \$ 4,542 58

Receipts

Lunch Sales — Children	\$31,338 72	
Lunch Sales — Adults	2,554 60	
Reimbursements	11,130 74	
Miscellaneous Cash	21 43	
Total Receipts	-----	45,045 49

Total Available \$49,588 07

Expenditures

Food	\$27,708 37	
Labor	11,642 89	
Equipment	283 61	
All Other Expenditures	4,499 24	
Total Expenditures	-----	\$44,134 11

Balance, June 30, 1974 \$ 5,453 96

Other Program Resources:

USDA Commodities Received
(Wholesale Value) \$4,153.04

Balance Sheet Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1974

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 5,453 96
Reimbursement due Program	665 39
Food Inventory — June 30	1,098 60
Supplies Inventory — June 30	500 00

Total Assets \$ 7,717 95

Liabilities

Working Capital \$ 7,717 95

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 40

Administrative Salaries — 1973-74

A. Superintendent

State Share		\$ 3,500 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$5,142 75	
Brookline	1,014 21	
Hollis	3,577 40	
Milford	8,586 37	
Mont Vernon	736 37	
	-----	19,057 10

		\$22,557 10

B. Assistant Superintendent

State Share		\$ 2,190 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$4,282 99	
Brookline	844 67	
Hollis	2,979 33	
Milford	7,150 91	
Mont Vernon	613 26	
	-----	15,871 16

		\$18,061 16

C. Assistant Superintendent

State Share		\$ 2,190 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$3,820 20	
Brookline	753 39	
Hollis	2,657 41	
Milford	6,378 23	
Mont Vernon	547 00	
	-----	14,156 23

		\$16,346 23

D. Business Administrator

State Share		\$ 2,190 00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$3,527 12	
Brookline	695 59	
Hollis	2,453 54	
Milford	5,888 90	
Mont Vernon	505 03	
	<hr/>	13,070 18
		\$15,260 18

TITLE I — 1973-74
Supervisory Union No. 40

Allocation:

Amherst	\$ 5,257.00
Brookline	5,408.00
Hollis	5,708.00
Milford	18,395.00
Mont Vernon	1,022.00
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	\$35,790.00

Expended	30,514.81
Committed	2,263.04
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Carry Over	\$ 3,012.15

INSURANCE COVERAGE**Blanket Contents and Buildings**

\$4,526,788* — 90% co-insurance

Includes:

Burglary & Theft	Blanket \$2,895,000	Burglary only
Boiler and Machinery		\$20,000
Corporal Punishment	\$1,000,000	Aggregate
Personal Injury	\$1,000,000	Aggregate
Teachers' Liability		\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability (non-owned)	\$500,000/\$1,000,000	
Workmen's Compensation		\$100,000
Treasurer's Bond		\$25,000

*Currently under revision.

MILFORD AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
1974 GRADUATES

Town of Amherst

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| *Anderson, Mark | *Helfrich, Winifred |
| Antonelli, Kristine | Hineman, Carol |
| *Austin, Barbara | Holt, Lynn |
| Bellerose, Diane | Hunt, Elizabeth |
| Benoit, Jolene | *Jesse, Mary |
| Boyle, Richard | Johnson, Alan |
| Buchanan, Scott | Johnson, Mark R. |
| *Burns, Michelle | *Johnson, Paul F. |
| Butler, Nancy | Julien, Debra |
| *Byrnes, Jayne | *Kaufold, Gail |
| Canady, Catherine | Kennedy, Gwen |
| *Carlsmith, Duncan | Kulin, Victoria |
| Carter, Phillip | Laguerre, Daniel |
| Castle, Barbara | Lamontagne, Marie |
| Cauthorn, Rachel | *Landry, Lauri |
| Chandley, Walter | Lathrop, Susan |
| Charron, Stephen | Laverty, Robert |
| Clark, Scott | Leatherman, Howard |
| Conant, Kenneth | Levesque, Linda |
| Cook, James | Litchfield, Marie |
| Decareau, Karen | MacMillan, Elizabeth |
| Douglas, Bruce | Manoogian, Holly |
| Eisenfelder, Sheryl | Marshall, Duane |
| *Epps, William B. | Maxner, Carl |
| Evans, Brian | Mayhew, Carol |
| Flynn, Peter | *McDowell, Jean |
| Foulkes, Wayne | *McKeen, Karen |
| Glorioso, Jill | McLeod, Catherine |
| Gochee, Pamela | Mearsheimer, Mark |
| Gorman, David | Mercier, Kim |
| Greaney, Sharon | Mitkus, Denise |
| *Grimm, Elizabeth | *Moulton, Robert |
| Hall, Douglas | Mullaney, Jane |
| Haughey, Deborah | Niedrach, Leslie |

O'Connell, Colleen
 *Osborn, Sandra
 *Ouellette, Andrew
 Paquette, Gerard
 Parker, Linda
 Pederzani, Ronda
 Perkins, Richard
 Perry, Elizabeth
 Pfeifer, Timothy
 Pratt, Elliot
 *Sandford, Earl
 Sciarappa, Gary
 *National Honor Society

Simmons, Brenda
 Specker, Lynn
 *Steinbach, Karl
 Stevens, Mark
 *Stone, Deborah
 Strobel, Cynthia
 Sugar, Stephen
 Thibodeau, Douglas
 *Topliffe, Diane
 *Treadwell, Elizabeth
 Ward, Stephen
 *Young, Jean

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1973-74

Number of pupils registered during year: 1,000

Boys 536 Girls 464

Enrollment by Grades:

I - 192; II - 147; III - 166; IV - 145; V - 164; VI - 186

Average Membership in Grades 1-6 967.9

Percent of Attendance in Grades 1-6 93.8

Number of Sessions in All Schools 354

Teaching Positions:

Elementary 42

Part-time 8

Amherst Tuition Pupils Attending Milford AREA Schools
1973-74:

Grade 7	186	Grade 10	138
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Grade 8	151	Grade 11	128
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Grade 9	150	Grade 12	105
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Trainable Class — Elementary 2

Special Class — Elementary 2

Special Class — Secondary 4

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages as of Sept. 1, 1974										
Total		Boys	Girls	Public Schools Within District	Public School Outside District	Parochial School Outside District	Private School Within District	Private School Outside District	Reached 14 or 16, Completed Elementary but not High School	Completed High School
Less than 1	54	26	28							
1	80	40	40							
2	94	52	42							
3	125	68	57							
4	136	59	77				4	6		
5	145	73	67	4			87	21		
6	159	77	82	156		1		2		
7	170	91	79	169				1		
8	140	77	63	140						
9	160	74	86	159				1		
10	149	85	64	147				2		
11	173	95	78	170				3		
12	168	74	94	165	1			2		
13	171	84	87	162	2	2		7		
14	166	77	89	153	2	2		11		
15	156	86	70	143	6	6		6	1	
16	145	79	66	117	4	4		18	6	
17	117	61	56	82	2	2		20	8	5
18	107	51	56	11	1	1		61	3	31
Total	2615	1334	1281	1110	669	18	91	161	18	36

TEACHER ROSTER

Amherst Elementary Schools

Name	Exp.	Assignment	College	Degree
Ebert, Richard	10	Principal	Eastern Michigan Univ.	M.A.
Austin, Joel	2	Guidance	Antioch College	M.Ed.
Barlick, Michael	2	Grade 4	Keene State College	B.E.
Bean, Sandra	11	Grade 2	Keene State College	B.E.
Brockway, Marguerite	6	Music - p.t.	American Univ.	M.A.
Brown, Pamela	4	Grade 3	Keene State College	B.E.
Cannon, Pamela	0	Grade 1	Univ. of Massachusetts	B.S.
Chicoine, Carolyn	8	Grade 4	Univ. of Vermont	B.S.
Collins, Patricia	7	Grade 2	State College at Boston	B.S.Ed.
Cordella, Brenda	2	Grade 3	Rivier College	B.A.
Delisle, Laurette	5	Grade 3	Rivier College	B.A.
DeVoid, Kenneth	6	Learning Dis.	Keene State College	M.E.
Dionne, Denise	11	Grade 1	Notre Dame College	B.A.
Dyer, Sarah	8	Grade 2	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.E.
French, Jeanne	10	Rdg. Cons. - p.t.	Memphis State	M.E.
Gay, Lee	0	Grade 3	Salem State College	B.S.
Hamilton, Joy	3	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Harcovitz, Donna	6	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Head, Nancy	8	Learning Dis.	Keene State College	M.Ed.
Hogan, Janet	2	Grade 3	Rivier College	B.A.
Lambarth, Addie Ann	4	Grade 4	Plattsburgh State College	M.S.
Lathrop, Cynthia	11	Grade 4	Skidmore College	B.S.
Leyh, Sandra	3	Phys. Ed.	Temple Univ.	B.S.Ed.
Lovell, Eleanor	1	Readiness	Simmons College	S.B.
McEnnis, Shirley	6	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.E.
McKeown, Teresita	8	Grade 2	Philippine Normal	B.S.
Mason, Julie	2	Grade 4	Univ. of Connecticut	M.A.
Parrish, Cassandra	4	Grade 1	Rivier College	B.A.
Piotrowski, Suzanne	3	Grade 1	Rivier College	B.A.
Shervanian, Ann	15	Speech Ther. - p.t.	Boston Univ.	B.S.
Silverman, Audrey	9	Grade 2	Keene State College	B.E.
Sullivan, Catherine	32	Librarian	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Sullivan, Leslie	1	Grade 3	Salem State College	B.S.Ed.
Tendler, Roberta	5	Grade 2	Wheelock College	B.S.
Trudo, Christina	8	Readiness	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.
Tyrrell, JoAn	7	Art	Texas Western Univ.	B.A.
Wheeler, Emma	18	Grade 4	Rivier College	M.E.
Faneuf, Gladys		Aide - Unit 4	McGeoch, Rosalie	Nurse
Guyott, Ellen		Aide - Unit 3	Hart, Lucille	Secretary
Martin, Katherine		Aide - Unit 1	Palumbo, Nelson	Custodial Foreman
Powers, Judith		Aide - Unit 6	Myhr, Olaf	Custodian
Sickler, Evelyn		Aide - Unit 5	Palmittier, John	Custodian
Young, Josephine		Aide - Unit 2	Curtis, Paul	Custodian

Amherst Middle School

<i>Name</i>	<i>Exp.</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Collins, Paul	16	Principal	State College at Boston	M.E.
Alden, Kathleen	0	Phys. Ed.	Univ. of Maine	B.S.Ed.
Barry, Marilyn	2	Art	Syracuse Univ.	B.F.A.
Burrall, Leigh	0	Social Studies	Fitchburg State College	B.S.
Capistran, Stephen	4	Grade 6	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Caron, Lucie	0	French/Spanish	Rivier College	B.A.
Cortellino, Joanne	5	Grade 5	Rivier College	B.A.
Crothers, Carol	1	Grade 6	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	B.A.
Ernst, Robert	0	Science	Boston State College	B.S.
Floryan, Ray	3	Grade 5	Lyndon State College	B.S.
Gasser, Toni Beth	0	Grade 6	Univ. of Hartford	B.S.
Hendershot, Darlene	5	English	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Kenne, Joyce	10	Librarian	Eastern Michigan Univ.	B.S.
Kertesz, Laszlo	29	Instr. Music	Hungarian Univ.	B.A.
Landry, Kyle	0	Home Economics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.
Lister, David	5	Phys. Ed.	Northeastern Univ.	B.S.
Little, Linda	5	Grade 5	Principia College	B.A.
Lynch, Janet	4	Grade 5	St. Joseph's College	B.A.
Martin, Mary Alyce	14	Grade 6	Boston College	M.Ed.
McCullough, Bruce	5	Science	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.A.T.
Nielsen, Elden	12	Music	Mankato State College	B.S.
Olsen, Robert	0	Ind. Arts	Central Conn. State College	B.S.
Pena, Michael	8	Grade 6	Lyndon State College	B.S.Ed.
Perry, Marcia	21	Grade 5	Rhode Island College	Ed.B.
Pichette, Noella	11	French - p.t.	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Price, Jill	6	Math	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Scollin, George	5	Guidance	Salem State College	Ed.M.
Shaw, Elizabeth	21	Grade 6	Tufts Univ.	B.A.
Silverman, Rebecca	0	English	Northeastern Univ.	M.E.
Sirois, Diane	6	Grade 5	Rivier College	B.A.
Stoelting, Dayle Ann	5	Rem. Reading	Univ. of Chicago	M.S.T.
Sullivan, Christine	0	Resource Room	Boston College	A.B.
Treadwell, Jean	4	Math	Wellesley College	B.A.
Tumas, Paul	0	Soc. Studies	Univ. of Maine	M.A.
Walter, John	5	Grade 6	Keene State College	B.E.

Caulfield, Hope	Nurse	Duval, Patricia	Secretary
Leblanc, Donna	Aide	Trow, David	Custodial Foreman
Trevathan, Paula	Aide	Hamel, Arthur	Custodian
White, Margaret	Aide	Bagley, Paul	Custodian
		McIntire, Steven	Custodian

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION

1973-74

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., Examiner

Hope Caulfield, R.N., Nurse

Total Number of Children Examined	135
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Tests:

Tine Test	78
Mantoux Test	4
Chest X-ray	2

Immunizations:

Flu shots (teacher)	20
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Report of School Nurse

Vision Tests	697
Hearing Tests	710
Inspection	1400
Heights	712
Weights	712
First Aid	2000
Medication	1614

Vaccination and Communicable Diseases

Chicken Pox	22
Mumps	1
Pediculosis	6
Impetigo	3
Strep Throat	42
Conjunctivitis	4

Defects Found by Medical Examination

	Defects	Treatment
Eyes	1	1
Ears	1	1
T & A	3	3
Lungs	1	1
Heart	1	1
Skin	1	—

Defects Found by School Nurse

	Defects	Treatment
Vision	19	15
Hearing	5	5
Teeth	3	3
Tonsils	2	2

Clinics and Special Referrals

	No. Examined	No. Children Treated
Dental	8	8
Mental Hygiene	5	5
Pre-School Clinic	178	4

Number of home visits-contacts by school nurse 314

AMHERST SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Report on Busing

The Amherst School Study Committee is pleased to present this report of the findings on the charge given them by the School Board on the busing situation in Amherst.

Scope

The committee has studied the present system of bus transportation in Amherst and examined the problems that will exist when the new middle school opens in September of 1974. The aspects that were considered were the following:

1. Cost of transportation to the town.
2. Scheduling between the three school systems involved.
3. Length of time and distance of individual bus routes.
4. Age factors of students on individual bus routes.

During this process we met with Donald Young, Chief Tinker, Paul Collins and Herbert Stearns in order to look at transportation problems from the viewpoint of all interested parties.

Parameters

The following were considered fixed restraints on the bus transportation problem:

1. **Bus Contract.** The bus contract (contract price per bus used regardless of time or mileage) limits the methods of financial saving to schemes which reduce the number of buses.

2. **School Systems Involved.** There are separate school systems involved, each with different session lengths and consequently different pick-up and delivery times.

3. **Milford School System.** Their starting times, session lengths and closing times are fixed and not responsive to the needs of Amherst.

The following points should be considered in any busing system:

1. Minimum length of ride.
2. No groups of students should be "stored" (allowed to accumulate unattended).
3. Some members of the committee felt that certain age groups should be separated.
4. The present population density dictates that one bus route picking up half of the students (by grade) takes 45 minutes and 25 miles to fill up. This was used as a rule of thumb to compare routing schemes.

Conclusions

There appear to be two basic systems to organize bus routes worthy of consideration at this time.

1. The whole town is covered entirely for each destination. One destination being Milford Area School and the second the Amherst Elementary and Middle School. This is an extension of the system presently being used, modified by splitting the Amherst destination (the Wilkins-Clark drop-off and the Middle School), which causes a 20 minute transit time between schools.

2. All students of all grades on each route are picked up, brought to a transfer point, regrouped by grades and brought to the proper school. This would require two runs by each bus to maintain the same number of buses as in system number one. However, each bus run takes half as long. This system also requires staggered starting and closing times of each school to avoid storage of students at each school before and after school.

Recommendation

It was felt that the staggered starting and closing times of system number two could not be implemented in Milford. Therefore we recommend some version of system number one (probably already in Donald Young's planning) should be tried next year on a trial basis. We feel that two months

into the school year any problems arising will be evident and can be assessed at that time. We therefore recommend the problem be reviewed then to see if problems are of sufficient magnitude to consider more seriously the feasibility of system number two. A questionnaire might be a useful tool to uncover any problems.

Submitted by:

JOEL HUNGERFORD, Chairman

RICHARD KITCHEN

ELEANOR LOVELL

AUDREY SPALDING

ROBERT HEATON

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 1, 1974

The annual meeting of the School District of Amherst at the Wilkins School was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, and Mrs. Dorothy Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 139 voters present.

Moderator Buchanan read the call, and, with the consent of those present, dispensed with the reading of the entire warrant, reading each article as it was considered.

Article 1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district. Mr. Herbert Stearns moved that the article be passed over and acted upon under Article 9. Seconded and passed.

Article 2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Stearns moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. Seconded and passed.

Article 3. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Mr. Stearns moved that the town auditors serve as school auditors. Seconded and passed.

Article 4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Mr. Stearns moved adoption of the article. Seconded and passed.

Article 5. To see if the district will authorize expenditure of \$19,800 received from the temporary investment of bond proceeds for the purpose of completing playing fields at the Middle School. Mr. Dudley moved adoption of the article. Seconded and passed.

Article 6. To see if the district will vote to authorize the Ways and Means Committee to review the school district budget and make recommendations with respect thereto at the annual district meeting. Mr. Dudley moved adoption of the article. Seconded. Mrs. Sue Puddington moved the article be amended, adding "and any special school district meeting" at the end of the article. Seconded. Amendment passed. Mr. G. W. Brown moved that the article be amended to read, "The School District Moderator shall name three members of the Ways and Means Committee, the Town Moderator shall name three, and they jointly will name the seventh and chairman." Seconded. Town Moderator Wight reviewed how the Ways and Means Committee had operated since 1931, and Mr. Dudley noted that this article was to authorize its review of the school budget, since it had

never been voted at a school district meeting. Mr. Brown's amendment was defeated. The amended article was passed.

Article 7. To see if the district will vote pursuant to RSA 31:105 to provide indemnification for school administrators, school board members, district officers or agents, from personal loss or expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to property providing the indemnified person was at the time of the accident within the scope of his employment or office. Mr. Eric Hare moved adoption of the article. Seconded and passed.

Article 8. To see if the school district will vote to authorize the school board to purchase a comprehensive general liability insurance policy in order to protect the school district officers, administrative staff and itself against personal liability suits. Mr. Hare moved adoption of the article. Seconded. Mr. J. Harrison asked about the cost, which is \$1200 for a three-year policy and is in the budget. Article passed.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Mr. Hare moved that the sum of \$2,318,780 be raised. Seconded. Mr. Hare stated that this budget was meant to continue the level of education in Amherst Schools with the state minimum standards as both a guide and a goal. Mr. Dudley noted that the \$417,000 increase was less than that projected when the withdrawal was voted. He briefly explained the budget breakdown distributed to the voters. He explained the three additional faculty positions for consideration, a physical education teacher, a library aide, and a Grade 1 aide. He moved the budget be increased in the amount of \$14,549.00. Mrs. Puddington asked that the three positions be voted on separately. After a voice vote, a standing vote was requested, with the following results: for a physical education teacher at \$7,843.00; total votes 139, "yes" 71, "no" 68, carried; for a library aide at \$3,353.00, total votes 139, "yes" 56, "no" 83, defeated; for a Grade 1 aide at \$3,353.00, total votes 139, "yes" 96, "no" 43, carried. The amended article in the amount of \$2,329,976.00 was passed.

Article 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. Mrs. Marion Sortevik moved that at future school meetings, eligibility to vote be by check-list and by identity tags or seating arrangement. Seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

April 26, 1974

A special meeting of the School District of Amherst on April 26, 1974 at the Wilkins School was called to order at 8:17 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan, who read the warrant: To see if the district will vote to approve the provisions of and participate in the N.H. Voucher Project commencing with the 1974-75 school year.

Mr. Buchanan introduced Mr. Milne of the State Department of Education, who would be recognized when appropriate to answer questions.

Mr. Paul Dudley offered a substitute motion. "To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to apply for a grant for the purpose of studying the feasibility of the New Hampshire Education Voucher Plan as it would apply to Amherst, and make a recommendation to be voted on at the annual School District meeting in 1975."

Seconded by Mr. John Melrose, who stated that the Ways and Means Committee would prefer more study of the Voucher Plan and recommends a "yes" vote on the substitute motion. A voice vote to consider the substitute motion carried.

Information brought out by questions was as follows: Federal funds are available for the study, from the National Institute of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Application does not necessarily mean the town would be approved. The Board would decide what form the study should take and present their plan to the state, the amount of money is negotiable, and there are no "strings" attached. At present approximately 7% of Amherst students attend schools out of the district, primarily in the secondary grades. The receiving district does not have to be a participant of the Voucher Plan. The plan runs for seven years, with the sixth and seventh years as a "phase-out" period. Grants to study the plan would be given only to districts which qualify under the site selection process. The legal questions as to whether a district can spend tax money outside the district, and whether the AREA plan would take precedence if Amherst voted to participate must be answered.

Mr. G. W. Brown moved the question, and Moderator Buchanan called for a standing vote. The result was: "yes" 125; "no" 41; for a total of 166. The substitute article was passed.

Mr. G. W. Brown moved adjournment. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

September 6, 1974

The Amherst Special District Meeting at the Wilkins School was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan, with approximately 30 voters present, admitted by checklist. Mr. Buchanan read the warrant.

Mr. G. W. Brown moved the School District vote approval of the article. Seconded by Mr. Frank Whaland. Mr. Dudley showed on maps the three pieces of land involved. The first parcel would give Beacon Associates a right-of-way to their land-locked land. The second parcel would give the School District a right-of-way from the Boston Post Road to the School land. The third parcel would be for the town to use for the new fire station on Stearns Road.

Mr. Whaland stated that a neighboring piece of land to that offered for the fire station on Stearns Road had been offered for \$50,000 or \$7500 per year for 30 years. Mr. Dudley noted that the right-of-way would come from the school land, not the Conservation Commission land. Mr. Huebner noted that the Ways and Means Committee had discussed the swap, noting that the released land could contain 7 houses.

Mr. Whaland moved the question. Seconded. A voice vote indicated the motion carried by a majority. Mr. Whaland moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, School Clerk

OFFICE HOURS of TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Town Hall, Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Secretary

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00.

Zoning Administrative Official

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

General Information

Town Office Telephones 673-6041 and 673-6048
Town Clerk — Tax Collector
Zoning Administrator — Selectmen

Fire Chief	673-2934
Road Agent	673-1293
Highway Department	673-2317
Police Department	673-4900

DUMP HOURS

Winter Hours:

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Summer Hours — July, August, September:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For Police or Any Emergency 673-1414

To Report a Fire 673-3131